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## HOWE SETS UP UNESCO PULL-OUT

### Tory MPs upset by FO economies

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

**SIR GEOFFREY HOWE**, Foreign Secretary, provoked a barrage of protest from Conservative and other MPs when he announced yesterday that Britain was giving notice of withdrawal from Unesco, and that he was making economies across the board in the Foreign Office.

He told MPs that the Government would withdraw from Unesco—the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation—in 1986 unless progress were made in reforming the agency's much-criticised spending programme.

The Foreign Secretary was cheered by some Government supporters when he announced his decision on Unesco—which has been accused of anti-Western bias—but ran into immediate criticism from Mr Heath and the opposition.

More ominously, a series of senior Tories, including Mr Heath, Mr Pym and Mr Edward du Cann, attacked his economy package, which has been put together in an attempt to defuse a backbench campaign against originally planned cuts in foreign aid.

Sir Geoffrey told MPs that the package would comprise the closure of ten small diplomatic missions, increased entry clearance fees for foreigners, and cuts for both the British Council and the External Services of the BBC.

And while he argued that his revised proposals on overseas aid would not involve cuts, his critics did not take that view. Some claimed privately that they had been misled the night before into thinking the economies would be more nearly restored.

A further £1.6 million would be raised by extending it to Commonwealth citizens.

He also announced that the Foreign Office would meet only £750,000 of the BBC's extra costs, leaving the corporation to find the difference and he said that the British Council would have to make savings to cover half of the £1.4 million by which its costs were due to rise.

**Culmination of Tory row**

While they made it clear that they were offering a lead both to wavering Tory loyalists and to those who had intended to rebel unless Sir Geoffrey had more to offer on overseas aid, they expected a number of Conservative MPs to vote for the Liberal motion.

Sir Geoffrey's announcement of the economy package, and the backbench reaction to it, was the culmination of a row within the Tory ranks at Westminster that began a fortnight ago, as Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, prepared to announce public spending plans for next year.

MPs who had been more concerned with planned cuts in defence programmes suddenly suspected that Sir Geoffrey had given an unacceptable amount of ground to his successor at the Treasury and accepted massive cuts in the aid programme.

**Mrs Thatcher baffled at Fitzgerald claims**

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

**THE** Prime Minister voiced "total disagreement" yesterday with claims by Dr Garret Fitzgerald, her Irish counterpart, that she had been "gratuitously offensive" to the Republic in comments she made after their Chequers summit.

"I do not understand his comment in any way," Mrs Thatcher told MPs when pressed on the issue in the Commons during question time. Fitzgerald was trying yesterday to depict the argument as one which need have no lasting effect on Anglo-Irish relations. It was recognised that Mrs Thatcher's dismissal of the proposals made last spring by Dr Fitzgerald's "New Ireland Forum" was inevitable.

Rift Warning—P10



### THATCHER CONDEMS UPROAR

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

**THE** Prime Minister and the Speaker yesterday condemned Labour MPs who caused the suspension of the Commons sitting on Wednesday night with a demonstration against a Government change in social security benefits.

Mrs Thatcher said that the protest was a "very ugly incident" and the Speaker, Mr Waterson, warned MPs that such conduct undermined the authority of Parliament.

The row, over the effect of the benefits change on the families of striking miners, raged in the chamber yesterday but without any of the disruption of the night before.

The Government had announced that the £15-a-week deduction from supplementary benefit for strikers' families is to be increased to £16 because unions are deemed to give strike pay during disputes.

#### Emergency debate

Amid uproar, some 30 Labour MPs mainly Left-wingers from mining constituencies, had occupied the centre of the chamber in front of the mace and refused to return to their seats.

They shouted down Mr Fowler, Health and Social Services Secretary, as he tried to deliver an emergency statement which an earlier protest by Labour MPs had forced him to make to the Commons.

Mr David Nellist, MP for Coventry South-East, continued the text of Mr Fowler's statement.

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### TELECOM HITS BUILDING SOCIETIES

By Our City Staff

**BBC** External Services, which have an estimated world audience of 100 million—more than any other international broadcaster—said last night that some damage to the service was inevitable following the £1.5 million cut announced by Sir Geoffrey.

Plans to restart the Caribbean service and the Asian service to Sri Lanka and Singapore will be immediate casualties. But further detailed examination would be necessary before more decisions were taken. The cut is of roughly one per cent, which could be as much as £1,500,000 on the estimated £86 million budget for 1985-86.

### HOMES FLOODED IN GALE CHAOS

Gales and torrential rain brought havoc to the South East yesterday. Waves 20ft high crashed over sea defences in Kent and Sussex. Hundreds of homes were flooded, telephone and electricity lines brought down and roads flooded up to 2ft deep.

### TWO HOLES IN ONE

Woman golfer Jean Mason, 25, of Sheldon, Devon, has holed in one on two consecutive days at the 98-yard 16th hole at Teignmouth golf club.

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## Gromyko and Shultz fix date for arms talks

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

**A**MERICA and Russia have agreed to meet at Foreign Minister level in Geneva on Jan. 7-8 to revive their long-dormant dialogue on curbing the nuclear arms race.

Washington and Moscow announced in a joint statement yesterday that Mr Shultz, Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, his Soviet counterpart, would discuss at their Geneva encounter the agenda for reviving arms control talks.

Both governments have agreed "to enter new negotiations with the objective of reaching mutually acceptable agreements on the whole range of nuclear and outer space arms."

Mr Robert McFarlane, the White House national security adviser, said the purpose of the Shultz-Gromyko meeting would be to reach a common understanding as to the subject and objective of such negotiations.

He quoted President Reagan as saying this would be "the first step on what will be a long and difficult road, but the world depends on us."

Meanwhile, American and Russian officials have just finished two days of talks in Washington on continuing America's massive grain exports to the Soviet Union.

After six successive poor harvests, Russia is expected this year to import a record 50 million tonnes of grain, and America hopes to provide at least one-third of this amount.

President Reagan has long since lifted the embargo imposed on American grain exports to Russia in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

And he promised American farmers troubled by sagging markets for their bumper crop that Russia could buy up to 22 million tonnes of United States grain this year, 10 million tonnes more than originally envisaged.

At around the same time Mr Shultz will be meeting Mr Gromyko, a leading United Nations official who will be a long and difficult road, but the world depends on us.

The American decision to reduce its discount rate reopened the way for cheaper money in Britain.

Record deficit.

The October trade figures revealed a record current account deficit of £251 million last month compared with £228 million in September, caused by a loss of business, the pound had fallen back to close only 10 pence higher against the dollar at \$1.22.

Britain's rebate of £228 million from the Common Market was credited to the account for invisible trade last month. Together with the estimated surplus of £250 million on services and dividends, it helped narrow the account deficit to £75 million against a revised figure of £78 million in September.

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Oil prices

SLIDE TO CRISIS LEVEL

By Our Business Correspondent

**OIL** prices weakened again on the Rotterdam "spot" market yesterday, falling close to the crisis levels which hit sterling in July.

Crude from the Brent field of Shell-Essoc in the North Sea was quoted at only \$27.30 a barrel for delivery in January, 15 cents down on the previous day.

Prices of both North Sea and Saudi crude are down by between 40 and 50 cents a barrel compared with a week ago.

Hussein pledge—P5.

Job cuts anxiety

A demand by Mr DON DIXON (Lab, Jarow) for an emergency debate on British shipbuilders' plans for 5,000 redundancies was rejected by the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, yesterday. Jobless youngsters would not accept the solutions of the 1980s, said Mr Dixon.

£3m PORT TERMINAL

A £3 million roll-on, roll-off cargo terminal is to be set up at Ipswich. The facility is expected to increase trade with Holland, Belgium and Scandinavia.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Deep depression N.W. of Scotland will maintain strong, showery S.W. air流. Frontal trough will pass close to E.

LONDON, E. ANGLIA, MIDLANDS: Bright spells, rain at times later. Winds mainly S.W. fresh or strong. Max 54F (12C).

S.E. C. S. & W. S. ENGLAND, S. WALES: Rain, perhaps heavy, some bright spells. Winds mainly S.W. strong or gale. 54F (12C).

E. ENGLAND: Sunny, spells, scattered showers. Winds S.W. fresh or strong locally, gale 40F (15C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER, ENGL. CH. (E.I.): Winds S.W. 67 or 8, occasionally. Sea rough.

OUTLOOK: Colder, sunny, spells, showers.

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## 200 MINERS' FAMILIES HIT BY £1 CUT

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

FEWER than 200 miners' families would lose cash as a result of the extra £1 a week to be deducted from strikers' social security payments, the Department of Health and Social Security stated yesterday.

The vast majority of the 47,000 miners' wives claiming supplementary benefit will receive exactly the same amount when the changes are introduced next week. Those who do lose money will only lose a few pence each week.

Many wives, mostly those with children of school age, will be slightly better off.

Since the miners' strike started a total of £24,100,000 has been paid out in welfare benefits to their families. The numbers claiming last week totalled 47,115.

Under existing regulations strikers' families have £1 a week deducted from any supplementary benefit they receive to compensate for strike pay which their union is assumed to be paying.

The money is deducted irrespective of whether strike pay is actually being made. The NUM does not pay strike pay—and will rise to £16 next week.

The increase coincides with the annual rise in all welfare benefit payments. Supplementary benefit for an adult dependent—such as a striker's wife—will rise from £21.45 to £22.45.

The increase exactly cancels out the extra £1 deduction.

## 'Banishment' warning

By Our Industrial Correspondent

**WORKING MINERS** would be banished from the pits when the strike ends if members will not return to work until the rebel miners have been removed from the surface of the pit, said yesterday.

Mr Rees has written to all working miners in South Wales, saying they will be succeeded from NUM membership for crossing picket lines. As non-unionists they would no longer be able to work in the pits.

But Mr Philip Weeks, Coal Board area director, said: "The jobs of men going to work will be protected when this strike is over. I guarantee that their jobs will be fully safeguarded by the Coal Board."

## NCB's strike statistics

Coal Board figures of pits working and on strike, the number of miners returning for the first time, and total numbers working yesterday:

	Normal	Some	Pits	Men	Men	Total
	working	working	on	returning	working	Working
Scotland	—	2	10	70	1,600	12,500
N. East	—	15	2	327	2,521	20,200
N. Yorks	—	9	3	37	492	15,000
Doncaster	—	8	2	6	162	15,000
Barnsley	—	11	5	18	561	13,200
S. Yorks	—	12	5	116	1,297	15,500
N. Derby	—	6	5	4	4,271	10,000
Notts	25	—	—	—	28,500	50,000
S. Mids	11	1	5	13	11,582	12,000
Western	9	5	—	75	10,860	14,000
S. Wales	—	4	24	2	110	19,500

These figures do not take account of "new starters" at coal products plants and returning clerical staff.

## Men back this week near 5000

Daily Telegraph Reporter  
THERE were 856 new returning miners yesterday, bringing the total so far this week to 4,982.

Coal Board officials said that all of Scotland's 10 production pits had men working. Because of a confusion in national statistics this had not been made clear in the past 10 days.

"We are delighted to say that we have men, albeit a single man at one colliery, at all 10 of our production pits. Because of a confusion over figures and statistics generally, this has not shown up before in national statistics," said a Scottish NCB official.

"Yesterday, for instance, national figures suggested we had three pits on strike—that is not so. The three pits deemed to be on strike—Polmaise, Bogside and Cawdor—were closed and were closed when the strike began. We regard these as non-production pits."

### Double figures

There were 70 "new starters" in Scotland yesterday bringing the workforce there to 1,600. "This brings new starters to 600 this week and we expect this trend to continue," said an NCB spokesman.

In eight of Scotland's production pits the workforce is now in double figures. One man is working at Comrie Colliery in Fife and four at Solesire Colliery—part of the Longannet complex in West Fife.

So far this week new starters have numbered 4,982. "It is coming along very nicely and we are very encouraged by the daily figures," the NCB spokesman said.

### Solid support

The two new men had returned to work in the South Wales coal field yesterday, bringing the workforce to 110 men. NCB officials said the strike was still "solidly supported" there.

The North East coal field yesterday recorded 327 new starters swelling the work force to 2,521 men.

North East area Coal Board officials declared the strike effectively over at Whittle Colliery in Northumberland (where 413 out of 700 men were working) and at Turndale Colliery Co., Durham, where 213 out of 430 returned to work.

There were 187 "new starters" in the Yorkshire coal field and in the Western area, another 75 men reported for work, swelling the work force there to 10,860.

Another 15 men reported for work in the South Midlands coal field to North Derbyshire there were 176 "new starters."

### STRIKE HEARING ARRANGEMENTS

By Our Political Staff

Twelve stipendiary magistrates have been appointed to sit until Dec. 21 at Birkenhead, Chesterfield, Pontefract, Rotherham, St. Helens and Scunthorpe to deal with cases arising from the miners' strike. Sir Michael Havers, Attorney-General, said in a Commons written answer.

He told Mrs Renee Short, (Lab., Wolverhampton North East), that further appointments would be made if requested by magistrates' courts committees.

### £30m SHIPPING CONTRACT LOST TO W. GERMANY

By Our Shipping Correspondent

British shipbuilders is to lose more big contracts to West Germany because it does not have the equipment to enlarge ferries at a cost of £50 million.

"It is a very complicated job," said Mr W. J. Ayers, technical director of Townsend Thoresen Ferries, which owns Townsend Thoresen. "Only a few places in Europe are equipped for such a task and British shipbuilders does not have the necessary heavy-lift crane capability."

Townsend Thoresen wants the ships cutting in two lengthways to insert extra vehicle decks. They will also have a bigger floor section added. The order goes to Schichau, Unterweser, of Bremen, with preliminary steelwork to start in January and the actual conversion over a 12-month period from June.

**HEATHROW TO GET OWN FORCE**

By Our Crime Staff

Heathrow Airport is to have its own police force again. It had a separate force until 1974, when Scotland Yard took over during a major IRA bombing campaign.

It will become a separate district in the Metropolitan police from Jan. 1. At present the airport is the headquarters of a district which includes West Drayton, Staines and Sunbury. They will be incorporated into other districts.

**PORTS CHARGES RISE**

By Our Shipping Correspondent

A five per cent. increase in charges will be made by the ports of Tees and Hartlepool on January 1 after "a disappointing year affected by pit and dock strikes."

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## COASTER BEATS BLOCKADE

By Our Industrial Staff  
TRADE unions yesterday launched an investigation into how a small coastal collier, the Kindrance, beat the TUC-inspired blockade of coastal power stations and delivered 3,000 tons of Cumbrian coal to Shoreham power station in Sussex.

The vessel's coal drop is believed to be the first sea delivery of British-mined fuel to a CEBG power station since the 57-week miners' strike began.

Shoreham power station has traditionally relied on its supplies on coalfields which are non-strike-bound and whose pit stocks are besieged by NUM pickets.

Many other coastal power stations, including the major installations on the Thames Estuary, are in similar circumstances.

The 1,596-ton Kindrance, which is owned by the Rockies-based Green Shipping Line, is on charter to the CEBG. She is one of about 30 colliers which in normal times supply British coasts delivering fuel to power stations.

The National Union of Seamen, one of the NUM's hard supporters in the strike, which has banned its members from carrying power station coal, has ordered an investigation into how the ship "slipped the net."

In fact, the crew of five officers and five ratings are not NUM members, although it is believed that some of them may belong to the Transport Workers' Union.

Because of the small scale of the delivery and the equally small power output of the Shoreham station, the incident is not regarded by union leaders as particularly important in itself. But they are aware that if similar deliveries are attempted elsewhere, it will throw a critical spotlight on the effectiveness or otherwise, of the TUC's guidelines governing fuel deliveries.

These call on transport workers in road, rail or sea, not to "engage in or facilitate" the distribution of coal to power stations, and call on power station workers not to handle new deliveries.

But where these guidelines have been tested, the response has been patchy.

For example, coal from Comria has gone to Fiddlers Ferry station, near Chester, where there has already been a big return of men.

### BUMPER EARNINGS

Yesterday 2,312 of the 55,000 Yorkshire miners had abandoned the dispute and reported for duty at 47 of the area's 55 pits. Coal Board officials said men had gone back at the five Selby development sites in the coalfield.

The returning men face the possibility of bumper earnings, including holiday pay of about £580 in the last week before Christmas as well as bonus payments of about £70.

**NEW BUS CHAIRMAN**

By Our Transport Correspondent

Mr Robert Brook, 55, chief executive of National Bus, will become chairman as well from January 1 when Lord Shepherd ends six years in the chair. Mr Ridings, Transport Secretary, said Mr Brook would prepare the company for de-nationalisation.

This must throw doubt over whether the police acted lawfully this year when they stopped Kent miners at the Dartford tunnel and warned them that they faced arrest if they tried to leave the county to join pickets from other areas.

**NEW PORT MANAGER**

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Mr Stuart Bradley, 48, will promote from deputy manager to manager of the port of Hull next July when Mr Geoffrey Cullington retires after a 48-year career there.

**THE CATHEDRAL**

And most of those were in the 12th century.

Peterborough has been important since Roman times, giving it the kind of charm that only comes with 2,000 years of natural growth.

It's not a planner's dream, which so often turns out to be a resident's nightmare.

## Demand in Notts to take 5·28pc and end overtime ban

By JAMES O'BRIEN

DEMANDS are growing among Nottinghamshire's 30,500 miners for acceptance of the Coal Board's 5·28 per cent. offer and for an end to the overtime ban.

Petitions have been appearing at pits, particularly in South Nottinghamshire.

Shoreham power station has traditionally relied on its supplies on coalfields which are non-strike-bound and whose pit stocks are besieged by NUM pickets.

But some full-time NUM officials and branch officers say the move goes against the national executive, and puts Nottinghamshire out of union rules.

The pressure can pay and overtime has recently been reinforced by the Board's offer of lump sum payments to miners who have recently returned to work.

Unofficial soundings by colliery managers on the pay offer have been described in the past as "ill-advised moves" by moderate leaders of working miners in Nottinghamshire.

There is a tax-free element on the personal allowances for those who have returned but not worked since the start of the dispute.

**OUT OF ORDER**

The petitions are circulating at numerous pits, including Babbington and Newstead.

Mr Kenneth Duckworth, NUM branch secretary at Babbington, said he would have no connection with the petitions. "Such things as pay and overtime take place within the procedures laid down between the Board and the union. Petitions are out of order."

Members of the National Working Miners Committee said they would be unable to hold back any demands on pay and overtime once they start in significant numbers.

Working miners in other

areas are watching the developments in Nottinghamshire with interest, and see any moves there as applying nationwide.

Mr Ian MacGregor, Coal Board chairman, has told Staffordshire miners that he would not go outside accepted negotiating procedures to pay the 5·28 per cent. which had not been accepted by the NUM.

The North Derbyshire area NCB will pay £380,000 in this week to 3,689 miners who have now worked a week in hand.

Miners starting work this week will receive between £1,500 and £2,000 gross before Christmas, which includes four weeks' holiday pay, three weeks' advance incentive bonuses, annual holiday pay and their annual service bonuses.

About 40 per cent. of those employed in the pits work overtime, and the ban has resulted in a reduction of 30 per cent. in normal output.

## Maxwell in talks over printing plant

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE Thomson Organisation confirmed yesterday that it was engaged in talks with Mr Robert Maxwell, proprietor of Mirror Group Newspapers, about the sale of the Thomson House printing plant in Withy Grove, Manchester.

The plant, which prints northern editions of four national newspapers including Mr Maxwell's DAILY and SUNDAY Mirror, had been expected to close when existing contracts ran out at the end of 1985.

But yesterday Mr George Dunn, managing director of Thomson Withy Grove Ltd., a subsidiary of the International Thomson Organisation, confirmed that negotiations with Mr Maxwell had been in progress since September.

The Mirror Group is currently digesting its findings and talking with the trade unions before resuming negotiations in the next few weeks.

No details of a possible purchase price have yet emerged, so taking over the Withy Grove plant, the biggest newspaper printing centre in Europe, Mr Maxwell would be aware that its contract print will not continue at its present level.

How many of the existing 1,780 Withy Grove employees will be required to handle the reduced business is to be the subject of discussions with the print unions concerned.

A spokesman for Mr Maxwell said last night: "We are interested in purchasing Thomson House and are having exploratory talks."

**Job discussions**

Mirror Group Newspapers print about 1,500,000 copies of the DAILY Mirror at Thomson House six nights a week and a similar number of the SUNDAY Mirror on Saturdays.

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# SIX GUILTY OF KRUGERRAND £2m VAT PLOT

By IAN HENRY Old Bailey Correspondent

A WEALTHY self-made businessman, Roy Garner, was convicted at the Old Bailey yesterday of a £2 million VAT evasion plot involving Krugerrands worth £300 each.

GARNER, 48, of Cannon Hill, Southgate, had denied conspiracy to evade the tax on £14 million of Krugerrands.

## SALESMAN FADED £1m ORDERS

A COMPUTER salesman's bosses were so impressed by the £1 million worth of orders he brought in that they arranged a champagne celebration to toast him. But yesterday Mr Richard O'Rourke, prosecuting, told St Albans Crown Court the orders were faked.

Timothy Wilks, 27, told his bosses at Delta Data Systems that companies such as W. H. Smith and Tottenham Hotspur Football Club wanted to buy their systems. He even presented forged orders to support the sales. By the time the fraud was discovered he had earnt himself £8,000 commission.

Now the company, based in Welwyn Garden City, have been left counting the cost. They had to buy more than £200,000 of computer hardware and also subcontracted £100,000 worth of work to keep up with the orders.

Wilks, of Milton Manor Drive, Little Milton, Oxon, pleaded guilty to three forgery charges and asked for six other offences to be considered. He was given a two-year jail sentence, with 18 months suspended.

### Told many lies

Mr O'Rourke said Wilks, who earned £12,000 a year, had joined the firm in February and towards the end of the month had won an award for £159,000. "This was the beginning of what seems to have been a very successful period of cataloguing orders. It was followed by some 24 orders in quick succession within the next four weeks," he said.

Mr William Hunter, defending, said that although the loss to the firm was estimated at £300,000, it would probably eventually be about £100,000.

He added that Wilks had a deep-seated untruthfulness and had told his wife many lies, Bullen's hall.

## Woman who killed cruel husband freed

A MOTHER of five who slit her cruel and sadistic husband was freed by Mr Justice Russell in Manchester Crown Court yesterday. His said to her: "I think you have suffered enough."

Mrs PAULINE Wyatt said as she left the court she was relieved she had been allowed to spend Christmas with her children whose ages range from 11 years and 10 months.

"In 12 years of marriage, I have never had a happy Christmas but we have all been looking forward to this one," she said.

Mrs Wyatt, 29, was put on probation for three years after being convicted of the manslaughter of her husband Charles at their home in Flora Drive, Salford, Manchester. She was found not guilty of murder.

### Strangle threat

She shot him from point-blank range with a shotgun as he slept just a few hours after he threatened to "skin" two of their children, stab two others and strangle the baby.

The husband had made their marriage a "living hell," the court was told. He had thrown knives at her, had thrust a loaded shotgun into her mouth and poured paraffin over her head and threatened to ignite it.

On one occasion he strangled their two parents and choked their puppy before shooting it with an air rifle, and had shaved her head forcing her to wear a wig. Wyatt had also treated his wife like a dog, making her sit under the table.

## COURT RESERVES PILL JUDGMENT

Three Appeal Court judges yesterday reserved judgment on an attempt to overturn a High Court judge's refusal to ban doctors from putting under-age schoolgirls on the contraceptive pill without their parents' consent.

Customs officers became suspicious over the increasing amount of gold coming from Jersey, and set up a lengthy surveillance operation which led to the arrests.

The others to be sentenced on Monday are MARK GARNER, 20, of Cannon Hill, Southgate; DAVID BULLEN, 57, of Arabia Close, Chingford, Essex; PAUL FENTON, 42, an antique dealer; his wife DORIS FENTON, 42, of Central Hill, Upper Norwood, and KENNETH HOWARD, 45, a company director of Minchenden Crescent, Southgate.

### HAMMER BLOW

Mr Martin Lewis, a blacksmith, has been given 90 days to standproof his forge after neighbours in Stanton, St Bernard, Wiltshire, complained to the local council about the noise of his hammer.



Newly-weds Mr David Threlfall, 41, and his wife Susan, 36, who will be spending their honeymoon next week at the Common Cold research centre at Salisbury, Wilts, where they met last year as volunteer "guinea pigs". The couple, who were married at Newbury, Berks, on Wednesday, will have a 10-day, all-expenses-paid stay at the centre. Last year they had to keep their distance—at least 30ft apart to prevent cross-infection—but the rule does not apply to married couples.

## Hard-up judge stole cheques

### DEPUTY Circuit Judge

PETER MORRIS stole from a colleague at his legal practice because he was hard up. Magistrates at Hertford were told yesterday, by Mr ROLAND PELLY, defending.

Morris, 46, who used to sit as a judge at Chelmsford Crown Court, paid a cheque to a fellow barrister into a secret building society account, using a false name.

He pleaded guilty to three charges of theft, as well as forgery and obtaining money by deception.

### False claims

Morris, described as a specialist in crime, was given a prison sentence of six months, suspended for two years.

The chairman of the magistrates, Mr ROBERT MONCOUR, said to him: "You abused your

position as a member of the collegue at their chambers in Bar."

"Other people holding responsible positions must be de-possessed of their secret account and £2000 of it subsequently withdrawn."

Mr Pelly said Morris had resigned from his legal practice and was now unemployed.

## 12 PARAS ON RAPE CHARGE

Seven more paratroopers accused of rape appeared before a special court at Salisbury yesterday, bringing the total number of men alleged to have been involved in a weekend attack on a 22-year-old W.R.A.C. private to 12.

All are members of the 1st Bn, parachute Regt, based at Picton Barracks, Bulford Camp, on Salisbury Plain. They are all charged with raping the girl at their barracks last Saturday night and were remanded in custody until Monday.

## Young robbers sprayed victims with tear gas

A GANG of ruthless young robbers called "The Firm" terrorised shopkeepers and mugged members of the public, sometimes spraying their victims with tear gas.

In four months the gang, aged between 16 and 22, stole £16,000 in cash and property.

Stores, like D. H. Evans, Woolworths, W. H. Smith, Boots and Tesco, were raided, often "mob-handed" by as many as 50 youths.

Small corner shops, usually run by Asians, were picked on. Said Mr Michael Stuart-Moore, prosecuting at Wood Green Crown Court:

"Most of the gang were black, but there were two, a leading member, were white."

Mr Stuart-Moore said the gang members bought their tear gas or CS gas canisters, for between £5 and £15, from people attending Arsenal Football Club's Highbury stadium.

"These canisters are sold on the Continent as a weapon of self-defence. They are obviously good when used as weapons of offence," he said.

### Admitted robbery

Eight "hard core" members of the gang admitted numerous offences of robbery, burglary, theft and assault. They are:

TONY O'KEEFE, 21, of Chettle Court, Ridge Road, and ALAN WATSON, of Horosey Park Road, both of Hornsey; and MICHAEL LAPIERRE, 16, of The Crossways, PETER BAKER, 19, of Park Road, RODNEY GRANNUM, 18, of Maryland Road, ALAN JOHN, 17, of Gladstone Avenue, BASIL ALLEYNE, 17, Croxford Gardeos, and TONY SCARBOROUGH, 18, of Lordship Lane, all Wood Green.

O'Keefe was jailed for five years. Baker and Grannum received four years youth custody each; John and Alleyne three years youth custody each. Scarborough was sentenced to two years youth custody and Watson jailed for two years.

Lapierre was sentenced to detection for a maximum period of four years. He was described by Judge Nest Butter, Q.C., as "a danger and serious risk" to the public.

The judge said: "This is an ordinary case. With one exception you are all guilty of taking part in vicious and cowardly attacks on innocent people."

"One thing that comes out clearest of all is your complete indifference and lack of regard for your victims."

## POLY ORDERED TO NAME STUDENTS

Mr Justice Leonard in the High Court yesterday ordered North London Polytechnic to disclose the names and addresses of students who tried to bar Mr Patrick Harrington, a National Frost official, from his philosophy lectures last week.

He also ruled that the Polytechnic authorities must identify student lawbreakers on written request from Mr Barghouti's solicitors. Mr Harrington is taking contempt proceedings against activists breaking a High Court injunction outlawing any attempt to stop him attending lectures.

## MATTER OF TASTE

A Michigan public library has decided to ban readers with "poor personal hygiene" in a ruling civil rights groups say is aimed at barring vagrants.

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# RUSSIA SHELVES KEY POINTS FOR WEAPON TALKS

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE Russians appear to have temporarily shelved two key preconditions to enable a proposed January meeting between the nations' foreign ministers.

But diplomats in Moscow said last night there was nothing to stop Russia re-imposing hard-line conditions at a later stage.

The preconditions are that new American missiles be removed from Europe before talks limiting medium-range weapons continue and that Washington accept an anti-satellite weapons test moratorium before talks on demilitarisation of space.

An agreed statement made in Moscow and Washington yesterday spoke of "new talks with the aim of achieving mutually acceptable accords on the entire complex of questions concerning nuclear and space weapons."

Mr Gromyko and Mr Shultz, the ministers involved, would meet in Geneva on Jan. 7-8 to "work out a joint understanding of the subject and aims of such talks."

## Cruise and Pershing

There was no mention of Cruise and Pershing missiles having to be withdrawn from Western Europe or of any halt to testing space weapons. Diplomats said it was not immediately clear whether the Americans had made any equivalent concessions to get talks going.

Meanwhile Mr Kinnoch, the Labour leader, who saw Mr Georgi Arbatov, the Kremlin's top adviser on American affairs, in Moscow yesterday, said he would be seeking further clarification when he meets Presidents Chernenko and Mr Gromyko on Monday.

Mr Kinnoch said the question of precisely what, if any, concessions the Russians might still involve in arms control bargaining would have to be closely studied.

Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, spokesman for the Soviet Foreign Ministry, formally read out the Soviet-American announcement to Western and Russian newsmen summoned to the Ministry last night.

He stressed that the proposed talks were now and not a resumption of the earlier Geneva arms talks broken off by Moscow after cruise and Pershing deployment began in Western Europe a year ago.

If it were suggested that the old talks should continue, the spokesman said, it would be necessary for the American missiles to be withdrawn as a precondition. But in January anything could be discussed.

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and Mr Gromyko to work out what they would talk about.

Mr Kinnoch said the announcement of a Shultz-Gromyko meeting was seen by all and Mr Arbatov as the beginning of an "encouraging" process.

Mr Arbatov, asked if he now saw genuine movement toward arms control, replied in English: "I think it is not time to make such decisive and categorical statements. Disarmament talks depend on given policies, not on some form of technical things."

"I hope that something will happen, that movement will start but as far as it will go..." continued with a shrug.

Mr Arbatov directs the institute for the United States and Canada and often visits America.

Asked why the Russians had decided to talk to the Reagan administration now, he said: "We were ready to do it all the time." Mr Chernenko had proposed "a whole menu of issues which could be solved. It was the Americans who had not shown readiness."

*If we survive*

Mr Arbatov sounded cautiously hopeful when asked if he saw a possible return to detente. "If there is the political will it is possible. In the long term it is inevitable. It held

that a non-nuclear defence policy; and that Britain under Labour would maintain a strong credible commitment to NATO.

He emphasised that Labour was determined to "sustain that commitment in its most effective and modern form."

The Labour party is committed to abandon unilaterally Britain's nuclear deterrent force. Mr Kinnoch said he stressed to Mr Arbatov that this was not a non-defence policy but a non-nuclear defence policy; and that Britain under Labour would maintain a strong credible commitment to NATO.

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## Poles take quiet line

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

IN an apparent attempt to limit damage, the officially-controlled Polish Press reacted soberly yesterday to the abrupt cancellation by Herr Genscher, West German Foreign Minister, of his ice-breaking trip to Warsaw.

Newspapers restricted themselves to reports on the Polish Foreign Ministry's statement on the cancellation and a comment by the official news agency, P.A.P.

The Warsaw ministry had expressed disappointment at "the sudden and hardly convincing decision" to postpone the visit but added the hope that "the way towards an improvement in relations between Poland and West Germany may remain open."

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## HUSSEIN WALKS TIGHTROPE AS PLO MEDIATOR

By JOHN BULLOCH in Amman

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan yesterday offered the total support of his kingdom to the men his Army once tried to destroy.

The King, speaking in a hall so well guarded that many correspondents reporting the meeting of the Palestine National Council were denied admission, called for an international conference on the Middle

East at which the Palestine Liberation Organisation would play a full role.

The conference should be United Nations-sponsored and should include permanent members of the Security Council as well as all parties to the conflict, he said.

Palestinians should be on an equal footing with all other delegations as they were the party empowered to address the most important and momentous aspect of the crisis.

This was a reference to the decision by the Arab Heads of State in Rabat to give the PLO the sole right to negotiate on behalf of the Palestinian people.

In the past it had been suggested that Palestinians should be members of a "balkanisation" in any conference.

### End stalemate

The King emphasised that the question of negotiations was for the Palestine National Council to decide. "If you think you can go alone, then do so. 'God speed, you have our support.'

At the same time, his careful speech was a clear call for a joint Palestinian-Jordanian move to break the Middle East stalemate.

The King's calculation was that an initiative led by himself and the relatively moderate section of the PLO loyal to its chairman, Yasser Arafat, would gain American support and force Israel into talks.

The United Nations Resolution 242, which called for Israeli withdrawal in return for peace and recognition, should be the basis of all negotiations, he said.

King Hussein has previously called for an international conference but by subtly changing his proposal last night he got away from the position in which such a meeting would have to be a continuation of the Geneva conference which followed the 1973 War.

The King widened his proposals so that the United Nations Secretary-General might be the one to convene the meeting. He also brought in other powers as permanent members of the Security Council.

By calling for a full Palestinian delegation, King Hussein played to his audience at the Palestine National Council meeting, and by sticking closely to the Rabat decision he appeased his moderate Arab neighbours.

"It was a masterly display of diplomatic tightrope walking," remarked one of the ambassadors who heard it.

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### COURT ANNULS JOURNALIST'S SENTENCE

Greece's Supreme Court has annulled a one-year libel sentence imposed on a journalist for claiming in a book that the country's top-selling newspaper was published in co-operation with the disinformation department of the KGB, the Soviet intelligence service.

A court spokesman said the Supreme Court decided that an Appeal Court ruling in May had contravened Greek legal regulations by failing to explain why the sentence was not suspended, as the appeal court prosecutor suggested. No date was set for the new appeal hearing.

The decision came after a 17-month legal tussle between Paul Anast, who writes for THE DAILY TELEGRAPH and THE NEW YORK TIMES, and the publisher and the editor of EKFRONIS, George Bobolas and Alexander Filippopoulos—A.P.

### Objective observer

Ram ANAST in Athens writes: Mr. Carlos Papoulias, Greek Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, left for Libya yesterday to act as "objective observer" for the recent agreement between France and Libya to withdraw any remaining military forces from Chad.

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But why, he reasons, should they receive more than their due share?

## Sri Lanka under curfew to prevent ethnic violence

By FILMI WIHALADASA in Colombo

A PRE-EMPTIVE island-wide curfew was imposed in Sri Lanka from 6 a.m. yesterday to 6 a.m. today to prevent any repetition of ethnic violence of the kind that occurred in July 1983.

The funerals of most of the 29 people killed in a police-station explosion at Chavakacheri were due to be held yesterday.

Last year ethnic violence

broke out when the bodies of 14 soldiers killed in a terrorist ambush by Tamil separatists were brought to Colombo.

The present curfew follows

sporadic isolated incidents late on Wednesday. Two Tamil shops in Thimbirigasya, four miles south of Colombo, were burned, but there was no loss of life, the Government says.

Mr. Lalith Athulathmudali, Minister of National Security, said that the Government decided to impose the curfew as a precautionary measure after finding that anti-social elements were trying to provoke people by spreading rumours.

He asked the public not to believe rumours, and said stern action would be taken against rumour mongers.

Last year the Government was accused of not making a firm effort to nip the situation

in the bud, and soldiers and police were said to have turned a blind eye when mobs went on the rampage, killing Tamils and setting fire to cars, homes and business places.

Rumour was ripe then, and it fanned the flames. When the Government decided in take

action about 300 Tamils had lost their lives and hundreds of Tamil establishments had been destroyed.

This time the Government decided to take no chances, and at the first sign of an anti-Tamil backlash declared a 24-hour curfew.

The Government also denied as baseless rumours of further violent attacks on Palav and Elephant Pass Army camps in the Jaffna peninsula.

The leader of the Tamil United Liberation Front (T.U.L.F.) Mr. Amirthalingam, said of the attack on the Chavakacheri police station:

"We have always been opposed to violence. It is counter-productive to our cause."

While the T.U.L.F. is trying to negotiate on the issue of autonomy for the predominantly Tamil north of the island in the form of a regional council,

many young Tamils tend to see this as useless because the Government will not give way.

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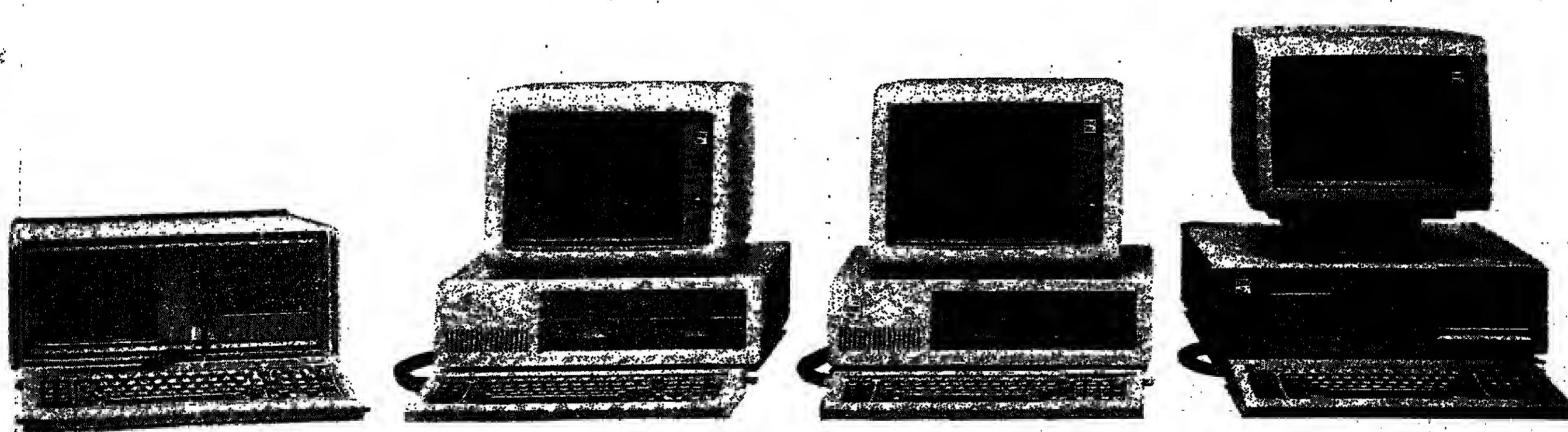
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## THATCHER BAN ON UNIONS AT GCHQ LEGAL BECAUSE OF STATE SECURITY

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

THE Prime Minister's ban on trade unions at the top secret Government Communications Headquarters was lawful and could not be reviewed in the courts because national security was involved, the House of Lords ruled yesterday.

But in unanimously dismissing an appeal by the civil service unions, the law lords made it clear that if no question of national security arose, they would have upheld the legal challenge on grounds that Mrs Thatcher had failed to consult unions or staff before making her decision.

In judgments of great constitutional importance Lords DIPLOCK, SCARMAN and ROSKILL took the view that the courts have power to review the exercise of all prerogative as well as statutory powers by Government and Ministers, except in certain sensitive areas not susceptible to review in the courts.

Lord Roskill suggested that these exceptions included national security, the making of treaties, the defence of the realm, the grant of honours, the dissolution of Parliament and the appointment of Ministers.

Lord FRASER of TULLYBARTON and Lord BRIGHAM said they would reserve for future decisions whether the central power of review of the prerogative should be limited to delegated decision-taking by Order in Council, or extended in appropriate cases to direct exercise of prerogative power.

While the full implications of their judgment will need careful study by lawyers, it appears that, outside the field of national security, changes in the terms and conditions of employment of civil servants could now be subject to review in the courts.

Now the unions have exhausted their legal remedies in Britain, they plan to lodge an application with the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg claiming that the removal of trade union rights is a violation of the European Convention on Human Rights.

This projects the right to "freedom of association" but allows restrictions that are deemed "necessary in a democratic society in the interests of national security" and "lawful restrictions" in these

rights by "members of the administration of the State."

Any application to Strasbourg would first have to be declared admissible by the Commission as raising a prima facie issue under the Convention. Its merits would then be examined in detail by the Commission leading to a possible friendly settlement or a report by the Commission giving its view on whether it considered there had been a breach of the Convention.

The case could then be referred for a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights, with the whole process taking several years to complete.

**Legitimate expectation**

In the Law Lords' ruling, Lord FRASER of TULLYBARTON said that if no question of national security arose in the case, he would have held that the decision-making process was unfair.

The unions would have had a "legitimate expectation" that the Prime Minister would consult them before issuing her instruction of last December.

But Mrs Thatcher's case was that she deliberately made the decision without prior consultation because prior consultation "would involve a real risk that it would occasion the very kind of disruption at GCHQ which was a threat to national security and which it was intended to avoid."

Lord Fraser said the decision over whether the requirements of national security outweighed the duty of fairness in any particular case was for the Government and not the courts.

"The Government alone has access to the necessary information in many events in the judicial process is unsuitable for reaching decisions on national security."

**Reasonable fear**

Lord SCARMAN said he was also satisfied that the Prime Minister had made out a case on grounds of national security. Her fear of disruption if there was prior consultation was one which a "reasonable Minister

would be amenable to judicial review.

Lord BACON said he would also dismiss the appeal "for one reason only." That was the ground of national security.

### PLEA TO KEEP CHURCH IS REJECTED

An appeal against a Church Commissioners' scheme which will make the church of St Andrew the Great, Cambridge, redundant, has been dismissed by the Privy Council in London. A suitable alternative use is being sought for the church, which houses a memorial to the explorer Capt. Cook.

Dismissing the appeal by the parochial church council, Lord BRIDGE of Harwich said the centre of the city of Cambridge was rich in Anglican parish churches. There were nine within one square mile.

"In today's conditions, when the Church of England's limited resources of clerical manpower must be best deployed to meet pastoral needs, such riches have become an embarrassment," he said.

### ORGAN WORK BEGINS

Restoration work costing £230,000 has begun on the organ in Chichester Cathedral which was originally built in 1678 and has been out of use for the past 11 years. The organ's pipes, made by Renatus Harris, are known to be the oldest in any cathedral in England.

### U.S. AIRMEN BARRED

Mr Brian Righton, publican at the Starting Gate in Newbury, Berkshire, has banned American airmen who come from the Greenham Common cruise missiles base, because of a series of disturbances at the pub.

### MILL CONVERSION

An 18th century water mill at Bourne, Lincolnshire, which was last used for grinding corn 60 years ago is to be converted by the town's civic society at a cost of £20,000 for use as a heritage and exhibition centre.

## Jail visitor boards criticised

By T. A. SANDROCK  
Crime Correspondent

**WATCHDOG** boards of prison visitors are falling below their potential, mainly through lack of training and too much reliance on the views of senior staff, claims a Home Office report published yesterday.

Most board members get caught up in so-called "Cook's tours" where, like tourists, they "do" all the main sites, says the report, commissioned by the Home Office Research and Planning Unit.

Boards which escape the "tour traps" are those which make a point of questioning as many people as possible including prisoners and junior officers.

All too often visitors to be called to the prison governor's attention were "problems defined by senior staff" the report claims.

**Not a cross-section**

It says boards do not contain a cross-section of the community. More than half the 1,500 members were over 50 years old and less than one in 10 was a "manual worker". New recruits were usually nominated by existing members.

Prisoners do not regard boards as "credible watchdogs" because members appear to identify with governors and not make themselves sufficiently accessible to prisoners, it says.

The report, by Mr Michael McGuire, Mr Jon Vagg Research Fellow at Oxford University's Centre for Criminological Research, recommends more training, a wider sphere of recruitment and a clearer public explanation of the work of the boards.

### More diversity

Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, welcoming the report, said that many of the recommendations were being implemented. Efforts to improve the balance of board membership had resulted in vacancies being advertised and there was an increasing diversity of occupational backgrounds among members.

The boards, appointed by the Home Secretary, are voluntary bodies with responsibility to see that prisoners are treated fairly, to hear their complaints and conduct certain disciplinary hearings.

Watchdog Role of Boards of Visitors  
Home Office, £4.

## GANG JAILED FOR SMUGGLING CANNABIS

A drugs gang who smuggled cannabis into Britain in tins described as Kenyan jam and marmalade were jailed yesterday. Kim Taylor, 27, of Llwyncoed, Llanboidy, West Wales, was jailed for six and a half years, and his wife, Margaret, 26, to 15 months.

Leslie Allard, 34, of Valognes Avenue, Walthamstow, was jailed for five and a half years. Adrian Jones, 24, who lived with the Taylors, for three years; Richard Potter, 22, of Tyser, Heyton, near Llanboidy, for five and a half years; and Alastair McDonald, 32, of Watergates, Colerne, Wilts, for three years.

They all admitted at Swansea Crown Court charges of importing controlled drugs. Henry Thomas, 26, of St Clears, West Wales, who financed part of the operation, admitted aiding and abetting the smuggling and was jailed for three years.

### PAINTING STOLEN

Art dealers were alerted yesterday after a painting by James Sant, the Victorian artist, was stolen from a country house near Grantham, Lincolnshire. The circular oil painting, entitled "The Shadow", which depicts a child lying in bed asleep, is valued at £2,000.

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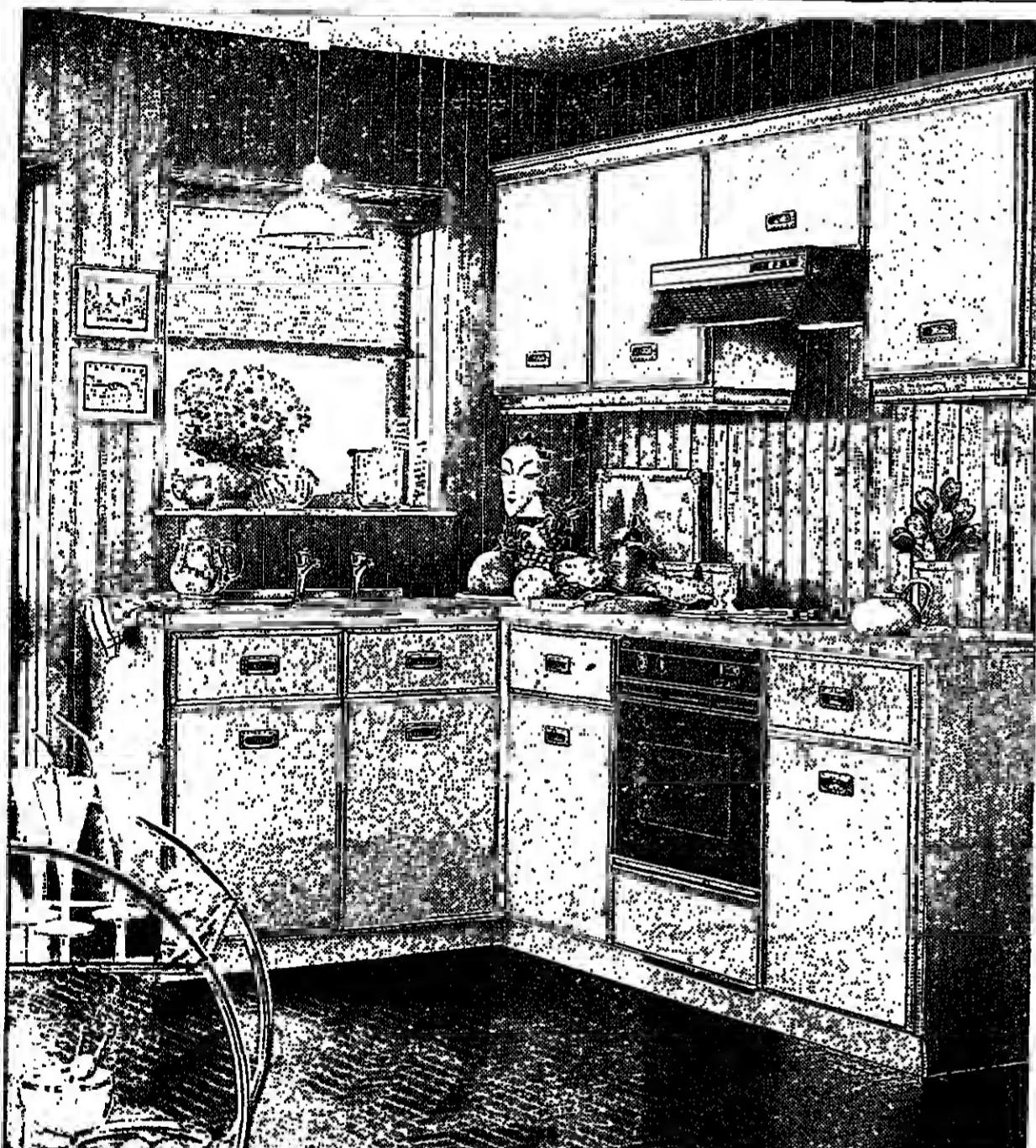
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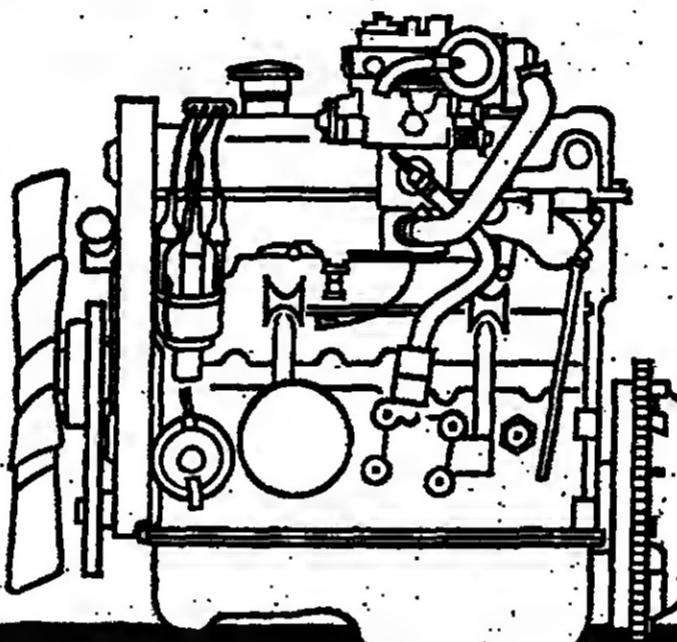
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## LONDON-DUBLIN RELATIONS 'FACE BREAKDOWN'

By Our Dublin Correspondent

**FEARS** of a complete breakdown in Anglo-Irish relations were expressed yesterday by Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Spring, following sharp differences of opinion between Mrs Thatcher and Dr Garrett Fitzgerald.

Mr Spring's warning came as the rift between Dublin and London worsened and Dr Fitzgerald faced calls in Parliament for his resignation.

Dublin ministers have admitted since returning from the Chequers summit that there is serious deadlock between the two countries over future developments in Northern Ireland.

Dr Fitzgerald's position has been seriously undermined since Mrs Thatcher dismissed the solution put forward in the new Ireland Forum report and the Northern Ireland Secretary of State, Mr Douglas Hurd subsequently ruled that Dublin could have no executive role in Ulster.

### Discuss options

Both Mr Spring and Mr Peter Barry, foreign minister, claimed yesterday that the IRA would be the only beneficiary from Britain's hardline position on Northern Ireland.

Mr Spring said he was not aware at this stage if Britain was willing to discuss options other than the three put forward by the New Ireland Forum—a United Ireland, confederal

and joint sovereignty over Ulster by Dublin and London.

Despite the disagreements at the Chequers meeting, Mr Spring said the Irish government was determined to keep dialogue open with London. It was their duty to try to retrieve the situation and make progress.

Dr Fitzgerald has been on the defensive since returning from the London summit.

He told a private meeting of his parliamentary party that Mrs Thatcher was gratuitously offensive at her post-summit press conference on Monday while Mr Barry said that Mrs Thatcher and Mr Hurd had acted disgracefully.

The unease over Dr Fitzgerald's handling of the summit talks spilled over into the Dublin parliament yesterday when Mr Charles Haughey, opposition leader, launched a bitter attack on him, called repeatedly for his resignation and told him he was not fit to continue as prime minister.

Dr Fitzgerald's advisers are believed to have recommended

that after being put on the defensive in the post-summit press conference he would have no option but to take a stronger line on Ulster the next time he has talks with Mrs Thatcher.

Dublin officials were doubtful yesterday that he would have his customary side meeting with Mr Haughey when the EEC heads of government meet in Dublin on December 3 and 4 if the British side does not make some effort in the meantime to patch up the differences.

## Row ends Speaker's 'honeymoon period'

By NICHOLAS COMFORT Political Staff

**T**HE unruly and vehement scenes in the Commons on Wednesday night when Left-wing Labour MPs prevented Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, from making a statement on payments to the families of striking miners came at

a time when, in the view of most MPs, the behaviour of the House was improving.

Senior figures on both sides felt that all but the wildest elements had finally taken onboard the strong public distaste for "zoo-like" behaviour and exchanges which the radio broadcasting of its proceedings had brought.

And while Mr Dennis Skinner and a handful of other persistent flouters of Parliamentary convention have continued to be ordered from the House at regular intervals, Wednesday night's uproar was very much an exception from the tone of recent business.

However, there have been a number of indications that, if an opportunity arose, there might be some sort of concerted disruption by the Labour Left. And the strongest of these has been that on a series of occasions when MPs have been named for their conduct Left-wing MPs have divided the House against their suspension and gained up to 80 votes.

Significantly, a prime mover in these rebellions against the discipline of the Labour whips as well as the rulings of the Speaker was Mr Eric Heffer, who played a leading part in Wednesday night's demonstration.

Mr Heffer is seen by some fellow Left-wingers as being ready to play a "rogue elephant" role in the party with Mr Wedgwood Benn following his removal from the Shadow Cabinet.

The uproar over social security payments to strikers' families also marked, in the opinion of some, the end of the "honeymoon" period which the new Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, has enjoyed with the House.

When deputy Speaker before

the last election, Mr Weatherill

on a couple of occasions found

himself which no Speaker

should late at night that it got

out of control. There were fears

voiced prior to his election as

Speaker last July that this

could recur.

Until Wednesday night, Mr Weatherill's most serious prob-

lem had appeared to be the

difficulty of securing consensus

among MPs for the suspension

of colleagues who had used

language he adjudged unpar-

liamentary. But that was not a

crucial matter.

MPs will now be waiting to

see whether the uproar is a

significant and lasting under-

mining of his authority, or an

episode with which no Speaker

would have been able to cope

without suspending the House.

The previous Speaker, Mr

George Thomas (now Viscount Tonypandy) repeatedly found

himself lecturing MPs—espe-

cially the Labour Left—not only

on their standards of conduct

in their chamber but on the

respect such behaviour was hav-

ing on the increasing public

Shout of letters

Several times he told them

that after each fresh incident

or rowdy Question Time he

received a shout of letters com-

plaining about the tone of

proceedings, which greatly dis-

tributed him.

The advent of broadcasting

in the mid-70s certainly

created an impression among

the radio audience that Parlia-

mentary behaviour was already

outrageous and was getting

steadily worse.

One reason why the BBC

interrupted normal programmes

to broadcast the recent select

committee hearing on the sink-

hole of the General Belgrano

was officially given as the need

to demonstrate that Prime

Minister's Question Time was

the exception rather than the

rule.

## Joseph impatient with Swann committee

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

SIR KEITH JOSEPH, Education Secretary, has asked the entire Swann Committee, which has so far spent five years drafting a report on the education of children from ethnic minorities, to see him before their next full meeting.

His invitation comes as two prominent members of the committee have resigned.

Clearly, Sir Keith is becoming impatient with the 22-strong committee. He wants to see a completed report soon.

The latest resigations bring the total of those to quit to 10 since the inquiry was set up under the chairmanship of Mr Antony Rampton by Mrs Shirley Williams in 1978, who she was Labour Education Secretary.

Protest at changes

Mrs Anne Dummett, who was a research worker for the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants when appointed to the committee and is now director of the Runnymede Trust, has resigned in protest against the re-writing of a section of the report by Lord Swann, who became chairman in 1981.

Also to resign for the same reason was Fr Michael Hollings, former Roman Catholic chaplain to Oxford University, who has been parish priest at St Mary of the Angels in the heavily West Indian populated Notting Hill area since 1978.

Both he and Mrs Dummett feel that the revised chapter was placing too strong an emphasis on the home background of West Indian pupils as part of the explanation for their underachievement at school.

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## SOUTHERN TIMETABLE 'CHAOTIC'

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

BRITISH RAIL is ready to concede that its economy drive on Southern Region has been over-zealous, leading to chaotic conditions and an unworkable timetable on parts of the system.

It is about to start consultations with local authorities on a new round of timetable changes to be introduced next May to improve conditions.

The main problem is on the congested network serving south-east London and Kent.

Two efforts to solve the problems introduced last May have failed to end the trouble.

Complaints have continued to grow in, with some commuters saying they have not had a single train run to time since last May.

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  - Significant displacement of dashboard and steering-system into interior.
  - Steering-wheel forced up.
  - Damage extends to rear frame area. Deformation involves entire left-hand side-panel.
- Driver's door can only be opened with heavy tools.
  - Knee impact on dashboard. Head impact on steering-wheel.
  - Total write-off.



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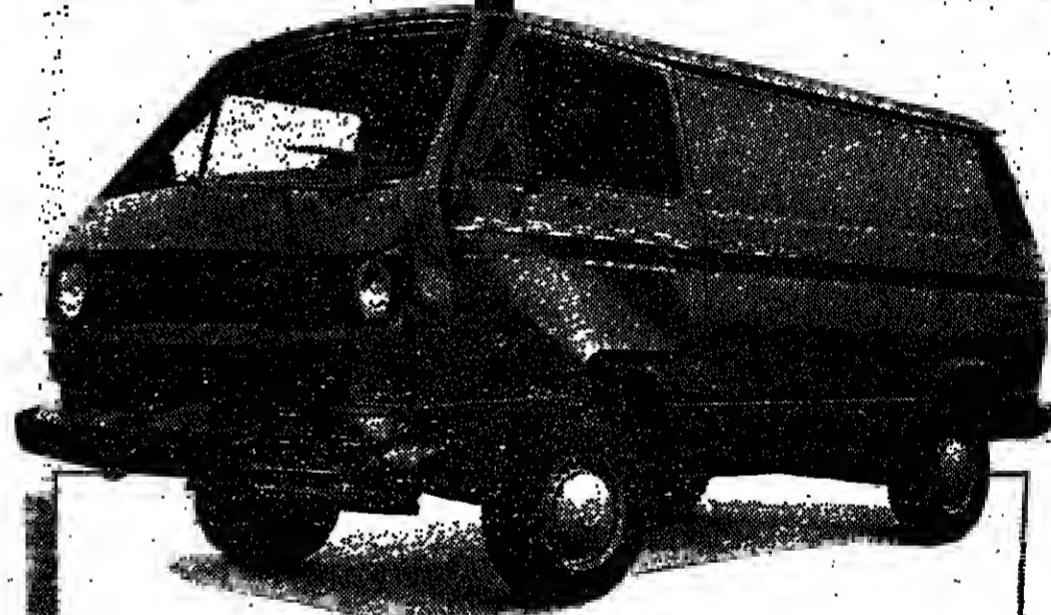
- Vehicle shortened 52cms.
  - Hardly any footwell remaining.
  - Steering-column forced up.
  - Deformation of side-member, left side-panel and rear right side-panel.
  - Driver's door can only be opened with heavy tools.
  - Hydraulic jacks needed to extricate driver from badly condensed passenger compartment.
  - Left leg completely trapped. Likewise upper torso from impact with steering-wheel. Foot deformed.
  - Total write-off.

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- Vehicle shortened 38cms.
  - Strong deformation of passenger compartment.
  - Leg-room severely compressed.
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  - Deformation of rear third of roof. Left-hand side-member buckled in front of rear-axle.
- Driver's door can only be opened with heavy tools.
  - Splintered fragments embedded deep in knee joint. Right knee narrowly escaped handbrake lever. Clutch endangered calf.
  - Total write-off.



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The fact of the matter is, in terms of expenditure over two thirds of the GLC's responsibilities won't go to the Borough Councils at all.

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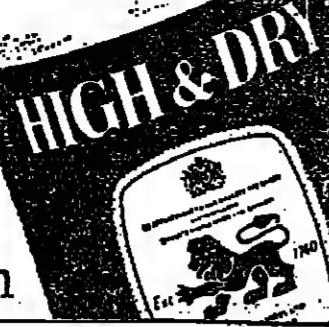
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## £1m A YEAR SAVINGS, BUT ABOLITION WILL CUT 7,000 COUNCIL JOBS

By JOHN CRIGSBY Local Government Correspondent

**M**ORE than 7,000 local government jobs would go as a result of the abolition of the Greater London Council and the six Metropolitan County Councils, the Government said yesterday when it published its Local Government Bill.

It estimates that a total of £1 million a year will be saved by the "rationalisation" alone. The GLC will account for about half the saving.

The Government estimates that there will be an extra 900 posts in public sector bodies which will take over the functions of the doomed councils in April 1986.

Redundancy payments in the first year are expected to amount to about £40 million but the public expenditure position for local councils will be reduced by £25 million in 1986-87.

The Government intends to make savings because the duplication between two tiers of local government would be removed and the transfer of services to the boroughs would lead to greater efficiency and economy.

### Savings on grants

With the councils' abolition, the discretion for high spending on such items as transport subsidy grants to ethnic organisations and women's groups would disappear saving up to £50 million.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Local Government Minister, said yesterday that he was determined that the councils would be abolished on March 31, 1986.

"The task they now perform will be undertaken in future by the 32 London Borough Councils and the Metropolitan District Councils, individually or jointly and in a small number of cases by other bodies where this is more appropriate."

The six metropolitan county councils are West Midlands, Tyne and Wear, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire.

Mr Baker, who will have the responsibility for piloting the Bill through the Commons said there would be a number of joint boards, or quangos.

In London, transport has already been transferred to London Regional Transport. The London fire service will be run by a body composed of one councillor from each London Council and a member of the City of London Common Council.

The Government also intends to set up residual bodies to be responsible for the council's

debt and staff superannuation. A staff Commission has been established to protect the interests of staff in the GLC and metropolitan counties.

### Planning changes

A London Planning Commission will be established to oversee the new unitary development plans which the boroughs would have the duty of preparing. These will combine features of both the structure plan and a local plan.

The commission will also have the job of advising the Environment Secretary on wider planning issues in London. In the metropolitan county areas, the strategic planning powers will be devolved to the districts without a local commission.

In both London and the metropolitan counties, the boroughs and the districts will take responsibility for a wide variety of functions. In London the boroughs will take responsibility for nearly 800 miles of roads now administered by the GLC. The Transport Secretary will take over 65 miles of trunk routes.

Much of the responsibility for aiding voluntary bodies will go in the London boroughs and the metropolitan districts. The legislation also provides for a statutory scheme for collective grant giving.

There will be arrangements for transitional support. Grants of 75 per cent. will be available for four years beginning in 1986 towards expenditure of £5 million a year by boroughs or districts on aid to voluntary bodies previously funded by the GLC or the metropolitan counties.

In London, the responsibility for Civil Defence will be taken over by the new Fire Board. In the metropolitan counties, the metropolitan districts will take over most of the responsibilities.

### New responsibilities

The Government says that the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan counties will not weaken its commitment to preserving the Green Belt. Around London, Green Belt land owned by the GLC will be vested in joint boards or quangos.

"Any claim that these boards will be accountable to their

metropolitan county areas because, unlike the GLC, they do not own Green Belt land.

A wide variety of other jobs will go to the London boroughs and the metropolitan districts. These include the following jobs now done wholly or partly by the GLC and the counties: Responsibility for coroners, emergencies, local valuation panels, recreation; funding and support for the probation service; registration of commons; rights of way; safety of sports grounds; assistance to industry; safety of reservoirs and tourism.

In London, boroughs will take responsibility for building control, entertainment licensing; and funding and support for magistrates' courts in outer London. In the metropolitan counties, the districts will take over the responsibility for the Peak District National Park, the rent officer service, school crossing patrols and the sea fisheries committee; gypsies, parks and sport.

### Transfer of jobs

The Government says that many operational staff can expect to be transferred in groups, under the "ring fencing" arrangements in their new employer. Group transfer might also be appropriate for some specialist staff, for example those dealing with superannuation.

But staff will not, as a matter of course, be offered jobs with the successor bodies.

A staff commission will ensure that GLC and metropolitan county employees have proper opportunity to obtain posts, but the boroughs and districts will not be forced to take on staff they do not need.

The Government proposes that staff transferred to the joint boards will go on their existing salaries and conditions. But those who are recruited cannot be guaranteed existing terms and conditions.

The Government accepts that there may be compulsory redundancies, but says this will be only a small proportion of the 20,000 staff now employed by the GLC and the 32,000 by the metropolitan counties.

Where staff are made redundant, the Government proposes that the general day-to-day terms currently in use in local government should apply. But they are considering some improvements for certain age groups.

### Critical reaction

Reaction from the councils affected—all Labour controlled—and the Labour front bench was deeply critical. Dr John Cunningham, the Labour environmental spokesman, said that abolition could only yield the savings claimed if services and jobs were "slashed" by the successor boards and quangos.

Dr Cunningham alleged that at least two-thirds of the spending of the doomed councils would be vested in joint boards or quangos.

"Any claim that these boards will be accountable to their

constituents bodies is laughable. Their manpower budgets and expenditure will be under the direct control of the Environment Secretary."

Mr Kenneth Livingstone, leader of the GLC, said: "It is disaster day for London. Abolition is not cheap, not democratic and not needed. A century of local government in London is being destroyed to satisfy the Prime Minister's personal vendette against the GLC."

Mrs Margaret Hodge, chairman of the Labour-controlled Association of London Authorities, said that their members would not be able to cope with the transfer of powers. "We will not step in and take over from the GLC."

Mr John Gunnell, leader of West Yorkshire County Council, who has led the campaign for the metropolitan counties, said that they were censured by the poor quality of the Bill. "Where is the reasoned case for abolition? Where is the simpler system we were promised?" he asked.

Mr Alan Greengross, leader of the Tory Opposition on the GLC, welcomed the fact that the "monolith" was being scrapped.

In setting up the London planning commission, the government had recognised that there must be a London-wide body but it did not go far enough.

"It must be wrong that the greatest capital city in the world is left without a London-wide heart." He said that a large and growing number of Tory MPs felt the same.

## HELICOPTER CREW WIN AWARD

The three-man crew of an RAF Wessex helicopter who rescued two men from the North Sea in a force 9 gale in May have received the Edward and Maisie Lewis award, the highest bravery award of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society.

Adm. of the Fleet Lord Lewin, president of the society, presented the award to "D" Flight, 22 Squadron, based at RAF Leconfield, Sqn Ldr Christopher Paish (captain and pilot), Master Navigator Ronald Dedman, and Master Air Loader David Allen (winchman).

The winchman was taken to hospital with a broken rib, two cracked ribs, six chipped vertebrae and a badly bruised back.

### GIRLS DIE IN FIRE

Two young girls died when fire swept through their home near Edinburgh yesterday. Susan Barr, six, and her sister Lesley, four, were taken from their flat at Carlowrie Place, Gorebridge, Midlothian, by police and firemen but were dead on arrival at hospital.



Sebastian Coe sitting in front of a portrait of himself yesterday at the National Portrait Gallery, where an exhibition of contemporary portraits opens today. The artist Martin Rose is behind the 1500 metres Olympic champion, who said of the painting: "It is very representative of me at various levels. I like it very much."

## Heseltine wants to cut information jobs

By Maj. Gen. Edward Furdon Defence Correspondent

THE Defence Secretary, Mr Heseltine, has called for a report by Dec. 31 showing how the Defence Ministry's worldwide public relations staff of 320 civilians and Servicemen can be cut to 200.

At present the Ministry spends £41 million a year on public relations.

Mr Heseltine believes the department is too large and costly for its peacetime role.

Of the present public relations staff only 67 belong to the uniformed Services, every day of the year, for the Press and broadcasters.

The department operates not only in the Ministry, but wherever British forces are stationed, and they help to keep taxpayers informed about how defence funds are spent.

Not enough time.

Mr Heseltine's call for a new report—there have been nearly a dozen on the public relations department since 1964—has

caused consternation in the Ministry, not least over its deadline which leaves little time available for constructive consultation.

The official view is that Mr Heseltine will not take decisions on the new report until after he has seen and considered the wide-ranging final report on the Defence Ministry's public relations carried out by University College, Cardiff.

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## HEATH HEADS BACKBENCH ATTACK OVER HOWE'S CUTBACKS

By PETER PRYKE and ANTHONY LOOCH

CUTS in the spending of the BBC's external services and of the British Council, announced by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, in the Commons last night, were condemned by Mr Heath as being against the national interest.

Conservative rebels, who were also unhappy about the Foreign Secretary's failure to give assurances that foreign aid would be maintained at the same level next year, cheered Mr Heath as he criticised Sir Geoffrey's speech.

Pointing out that the Public Borrowing Requirement had risen by £1.2 million more this year than anticipated, the former Prime Minister said:

"Here we are dealing with things of major national interest, saving a million here and £750,000 there."

"It is entirely out of proportion," he added, amid cheers from both sides of the House.

Sir GEOFFREY had told MPs that he was looking for savings of £1.2 million in the spending of the British Council, and about £1 million from the BBC external services.

He won his only cheer from his own supporters when he announced that Britain was to receive notice of withdrawal from Unesco by the end of next year, with the proviso that the decision would be reconsidered if the organisation reformed itself meanwhile.

## Service charges

In addition to the cuts, and the closing of ten small missions abroad, Sir Geoffrey announced that the Foreign Office was to obtain about £4 million from charges for some of its services.

There was to be a new £10 fee for entry certificates for Commonwealth citizens and the charge for entry clearance for foreign nationals coming to the United Kingdom was to be increased from 26 to £10.

On foreign aid, Sir Geoffrey pointed out that over the next three years expenditure was expected to increase faster than British inflation.

But his critics noted that he did not give an assurance that foreign aid would not be cut next year.

Mr HEATH criticised Sir Geoffrey for not securing more money for Foreign Office spending in his negotiations with the Chancellor, Mr Lawson, and about the "antagonism" of his

had in take account of the fact that Government spending was planned in terms of the cash cost of each programme, and he had to take into account factors such as movement of exchange rates.

He stressed the Government's commitment in maintaining the quality of service provided by Britain's overseas diplomatic missions, but said cuts had been rising due to the need to provide increased security.

"I have decided it would be right in close about ten small posts—almost all of them are subordinate posts."

## Progress on reform

Sir Geoffrey criticised Unesco for not giving "value for money," but acknowledged that some progress had been made on reform.

"But we cannot at this stage be confident that adequate reforms will necessarily be achieved by the end of 1985 and it would be wrong not to safeguard our position."

The British Council faced particular difficulties in some countries from inflation, and he was looking for £1.2 million in savings.

Dr MARK HUGHES (Joh. Durham), intervening, said:

"As vice-chairman of the British Council I will consider my position as to whether we will continue bi-partisan vice-chairmanship of that authority."

## Already limited

The debate was opened by Mr RUSSELL JOHNSTON (Ayr, Inverness), who moved a resolution opposing any reduction in the real value of "the already limited overseas aid budget," and rejecting proposals to maintain the budget by cutting expenditure on the British Council or BBC external services.

He said it would be difficult to make any cut in the external services without a totally disproportionate effect. A 10 per cent. cut in the budget meant a 40 per cent. cut in output, which made no sense at the present time.

"We do not think that the public or the great majority of MPs want to see the overseas aid budget cut in any way whatsoever."

The Government should follow the lead of the British people and make sure there is no reduction in the help this country gives to the poor and underprivileged of the world."

## Exchange rates

Defending the cuts, Sir GEOFFREY said the Government's central economic policy of controlling spending had to be maintained, otherwise our capacity to defend our interests abroad and our ability to help the Third World would be undermined.

He voiced the view that with the advent of new spraying equipment it was possible to concentrate spray on the farm and not on the human consumption of contaminated food.

It would be quite unrealistic to consider the aid programme in isolation from the other activities. The spending review

on aerial spraying at all.

This would prevent accidents

when plantations and gardens and sometimes people were sprayed with pesticides and stop indiscriminate spraying which destroyed flies, beetles and birds sheltering in trees.

But farmers should retain their right to buy pesticides and fertilisers abroad, where they were cheaper, with no impediment.

Lord BELSTEAD, Agriculture Minister in the Lords, said the Bill's three parts dealt with power to take emergency protective action to stop the human consumption of contaminated food.

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way.

There were also powers over

deposits made at sea, and others to control the supply and use of pesticides.

It would be impossible, though, for any government to eliminate every sort of risk in our lives. We had to focus on risks as they were clearly identified.

The three priorities were to safeguard food supplies, to protect the marine environment and to establish a new statutory process for the approval and use of pesticides. The Bill was not designed to restrain trade.

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way.

Deductions are made from the payment of benefits because unions are deemed to provide strike pay, though the NUM does not. Labour has decided to use one of the opposition days to debate the Government's action on Monday.

## Disorderly conduct

Mr WEATHERILL, who addressed the House on Wednesday after having suspended it for 10 minutes, said: "For centuries this House has seen the strongest expression of conflicting opinion and policy and over the centuries this

## Speaker warns Labour MPs about behaviour

By WILLIAM WEEKES Parliamentary Staff

LABOUR MPs who brought the Commons to a halt amid uproar on Wednesday night were warned by the SPEAKER, Mr Weatherill, yesterday that their behaviour undermined the authority of Parliament.

House has jealously guarded its procedures of free debate.

"I remind the House that if its proceedings are brought to a halt by disorderly conduct, and this does include refusal to hear the opinion of others, this long tradition is damaged and violated, and the authority of Parliament is undermined.

His words were directed at about 30 backbenchers

who gathered defiantly in front of the table and shouted furiously at Ministers.

The row was over the payment of social security benefits to the families of striking miners.

As a result of the uproar, Mrs Fowler, Social Services Secretary, was dropped from making a statement which Labour MPs had specifically requested.

Opposition charged that the £1 increase in weekly deduction from Supplementary Benefit for strikers families was callous and vindictive.

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## The collectors' corner

By Richard Conduit

FEW among us can expect to collect anything much in the way of precious stones. But we can dream, and Benjamin Zucker's "Gems and Jewels: a Commissaire's Guide" (Thames & Hudson, £20) is the stuff that dreams are made of.

It is sumptuously produced with many coloured photographs and takes us stoic by stool from ruby, sapphire, emerald and diamond through to jade, opal and garnet. The chemical content is discussed and the reader is shown where to find fine examples. The prose sparkles a bit brightly, but then it is difficult to write prosaically about gems.

One could guess that no jeweller's business has handled more precious stones than Cartier. Hans Nadelstaedt has written a much illustrated history, "Cartier: Jewellers Extraordinary" (Thames & Hudson, £25), in which he charts the growth of the firm from its modest Parisian beginnings to expansion under the founder's three sons who made its name as familiar among Indian Princes as among American millionaires to its present state under new ownership.

Far more modest in its scope, but very good value is Diana Scarisbrick's "Jewellery" (Batsford, £25). This is a sensible historical survey of the wearing of gems, from the beginning of the 17th century. Not much colour, but plenty of good black-and-white plates. Also in the "Costume Accessories" series at the same price, is Hélène Alexander's "Fans" which is again historical and makes good use of paintings to show fans in use.

"Starting to Collect Silver" (Antique Collectors' Club, £14.50), by John Luddington, is much more than a primer. It does indeed assume no knowledge but with plenty of black-and-white illustrations and resort to question and answer sessions soon has the reader looking at his own pieces with new knowledge. Douglas Bennett's "Collecting Irish Silver, 1657-1900" (£14.50) and "Antique Collectors' Club, £14.50) and tells us what to look for, with the help of his 300 illustrations.

Someone who wants to know more about the subject could not do much better than to invest in "Buying Antique Furniture" (Macdonald, £9.95), by Rachael Field, which takes the reader through the process of manufacture and repair remarkably clearly and gives a number of salutary warnings about sharp practice along the way.

Of interest really only to those with a passion for bygone America are two handsome volumes, both published by Norton at £35: "Textiles in America, 1650-1870," by Florence M. Montgomery is in dictionary form and greatly detailed: "Arts of the Pennsylvania Germans," written by Scott T. Swank and others, covers furniture, textiles, glass, books and so on.

From Russia have come two richly illustrated volumes cataloguing the riches held in the Soviet museums, both are published by Allen Lane. "Rings and Carpets from Central Asia" (£50) is by Elena Tzavorava and "Rings and Carpets from the

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"The Joy of Cricket" is produced on shiny paper that ensures beautiful reproduction of the many illustrations. Its editor, John Bright-Holmes, has chosen widely and well, with not always the obvious selection. For example, we have C. S. Marriott on Parkin as a change from Cardus, but Cardus on Campion at his best. Alan Ross on H. T. Bartlett is a gem. The text of the victory calypso is included, as is an evocative piece by Michael Meyer on Weller. Bert Sutcliffe's beret 80, after injury, for New Zealand at Johannesburg in 1955 is thrillingly told by Ray Robinson.

But it's not all ancient heroes. Boccotti, Greg Chappell, Viv Richards and Gavaskar are described, but who will be found to do justice to the conspicuous absentee, Botham? The only concession to trepidness is the inclusion of a piece by Roy Hattersley; rather unkind, because he is not in the Saxon-Blunden-Moorhouse league.

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## Taking bulls by the horns

By John Coldstream

"I CAN take them with a dose of salts," said Sam Goldwyn, referring to the abuses of his adopted tongue with which he inadvertently staked a second claim to immortality and, in the process, adding another "Goldwynism" to the collection.

He found was this single source that Patrick Hughes adds a 14-page appendix to "Mars on Oxymeron" (Cape, £7.95), showing how the Polish emigre-turned-muckrak provided one or several examples for each of ten bulls under scrutiny in the book. This generic term, commonly known as the Irish Bull, is restricted by the dictionary to "an expression containing contradiction in terms, or implying ludicrous inconsistency." But Mr Hughes, who describes himself as "short-sighted and impulsive," has identified other distinct themes to add to the pietism, the tautology and the eponymous oxymoron.

Goldwyn's every utterance seemed to fit the bull. As an example of the "obvious," Mr Hughes cites: "The reason so many people showed up at Louis B. Mayer's funeral was because they wanted to make sure he was dead." As "age/ground" he suggests "the usual distinction is transposed" when he results Goldwyn standing at the rail of a Transatlantic liner leaving New York and shouting to his assembled relatives, friends and employees: "Bon voyage! Bon voyage!"

Each of the figures in Mr Hughes's lively diagnosis has a visual equivalent. But the spilled-ink gag from the joke shop (oxymeron) and Magritte's drawing of a coddle giving forth darkness (contradiction in terms) lack the honest spontaneity of the spoken word. Dexter that the names of Indian government."

cricketers do not matter — just say, "Oh dear, the ball went straight through the little sooty's legs." It was the conjunction of Root's outrageous rejoinder which made the first volume so irresistible.

A brave attempt has been made to out-root Donaldson by Brian Bethell, in "The Defence Diaries of W. Morgan Petty" (Viking, £6.95), charting the campaign to establish a nuclear-free zone at 3, Cherry Drive, Canterbury. Radio 4 listeners will recall a drab serialisation, but the book comes alive with the carefully reasoned game-playing by some of his distinguished correspondents.

Sir Austin Pearce of British Aerospace warns of the danger to "slightly and other living matter" from the down-thrust of a Hawker if Petty buys one to keep in the garden. Lord Hill-Norton and Carter offer respectively a seafarer and a Swedish cavalry officer's sabre to thicken up your defences."

More headed notepaper, this time from the Department of Administrative Affairs, is reproduced under the 30-year rule in "The Complete Yes Minister — The Diaries of a Cabinet Minister by the Rt Hon. James Hacker, M.P." (B.C. £8.75). This suavely-bound, 500-page volume is brilliantly edited by Jonathan Lynn and Antony Jay, who wrote from Hackney College, Oxford, in September 2013, that the diaries "offer a unique contribution to our understanding of the way that Britain was governed in the 1980s." Many a true word. For almost alone Messrs. Lynn and Jay are making good the shortage they have found of comic literature that takes on the realities of modern government."

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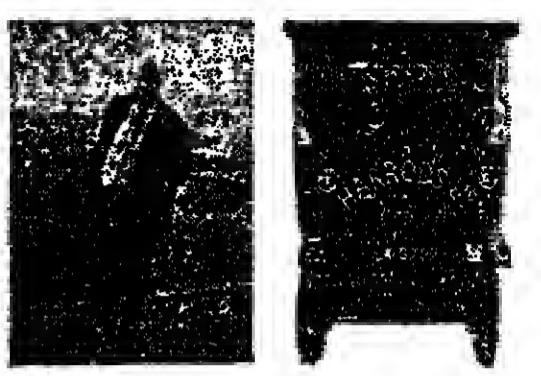
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Even if almost the only colour at parties this Christmas could be in the partygoers' cheeks and sparkling eyes,

there is a touch of Victorian demureness in these reticent neutrals which could bring out all the charm of fresh young skins.

C & A, that highly successful store, obviously believes so, for in its recently launched (and much-needed) small range of teenage clothes, it is confidently playing up grey and black.

## IN THE SKETCHBOOK

### FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Demure little cotton-mixture dress in red or navy, hand embroidered and smocked in the Philippines, 3 to 7 years, £1.9 from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1; Schiefield Leeds; Little Shop, Ashburton, Devon.

From C & A's recently-launched "10 to Teens" range, grey, satin-look brushed cotton top with satin insets £9.99, 10 to 16 years from C & A, West End and selected branches.

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bodice has a high throat ruffle and spreading, silky sapphire blue skirt printed with a black squiggle, 7 to 10 years, £5.99 from Harvey Nichols.

Enchanting little grey, taffeta-look dress strewn with tiny damask roses, the white, lace-edged collar and cuffs bordered with minute seed pearls, 2 to 6 years, £4.5 from Harvey Nichols.

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Sketch and report by BERYL HARTLAND



## Getting bright designs on industry

THERE is more going on in the way of Government-aided activity in the design field, in its broadest sense, than ever before.

The recent Investment in Design exhibition at London's Design Centre, celebrating the success of the Design Advisory Service Funded Consultancy Scheme, linking firms needing better design input with designers able to give it to them, is the most obvious tangible result.

Last week the Council for National Academic Awards, with the Department of Trade and Industry, published a report on the need to educate potential industrial managers on exploiting design and has set up appropriate pilot schemes at three polytechnics.

And last week there was the first British Contract Cloth Exhibition, where the bread-and-butter area of clotting manufacturers, who are also the mass employers and mass revenue earners, sell to the major chain retailers whose labels the clothes will bear. The particular

interest here is to sell such own-label ranges abroad and the exhibition is backed by the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, many of whose projects are Government-funded through the British Overseas Trade Board.

Most of the design incentive has come from the D.T.I. but, on the all-important education side, the Department of Education and Science is also involved. Under their auspices

the Business and Technical Education Council has held meetings round the country entitled Design by Experience, aimed at encouraging better links between industrial employers and students of art and design, with a view to offering students short-term placements in industrial firms.

To show the importance of design across the Government departments, one of the speakers at the second seminar was John Butcher, Under-Secretary of State for Industry and the man who has become most identified with putting over the design message.

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D.T.I. two years ago, shortly after the Prime Minister started the ball rolling with the Downing Street seminar on product design and market success that led to the founding of the Funded Consultancy Scheme and other proposals.

His background is not in design but he said: "I was firmly bitten by the bug within two months of

"I refuse to believe that the British public are visually illiterate," he said. "On the contrary, a sophisticated design awareness has resulted in too many foreign imports, to satisfy demand."

But there are, he feels, cultural problems in the attitudes of both industry and designers. "There has, until recently, been an antipathy towards the

singled out for special aid is the textile industry and, here, Mr Butcher works in conjunction with Mr Norman Lamont who, as sponsoring Minister for the textile industry, is aware of the importance of design in this field and has become known as the Government's "Mr Fashion."

Both Ministers are concerned that not just the high-fashion end of the trade should be highlighted and made attractive to designers but also the "bread-and-butter" section where most of the revenue accrues.

Textiles, interior design and other art areas have been traditional avenues for women designers, but the Department is keen to encourage them into other disciplines.

"Women have much to contribute in areas many of them may never have considered like cars, industrial design and street furniture," said Mr Butcher.

"The main aim is to keep design firmly in the public and industrial eye, to give it wider exposure. It's gratifying that it is being discussed more now, both in industry and in financial institutions, who eventually must have a major say."

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## A PLAIN WARNING

WEDNESDAY'S NONSENSE in the Commons was rather more than nonsense. Constructive tumult from the back-benches we know about, the protest sometimes boorish, sometimes brave, not always invalid of one individual (IRENE WARO or TAM DALYELL) can be understood. On Wednesday, however, a group of MPs behaved like a coercion pack on a street corner. There was a whiff of "extra-parliamentary opposition" paradoxically within the chamber itself. A number of members evidently wish to operate on the margins of physical force politics where parts of the NUM have long resided. The Speaker, Mr BERNARD WEATHERILL, coped very well indeed, giving a brief chance for civility to re-assert itself and then cutting the craziness short by abrupt suspension. What we have to fear is that this will not be a brief intermezzo, but that such overflows of street politics will become commonplace. There are enough people in parliament who hate and despise parliament as the product of fraudulent petty bourgeois arithmetic, to organise this sort of outing whenever they wish.

No naming took place, perhaps because the failure to punish MICHAEL HESELTINE for his solo endeavour with the mace some years ago may have inhibited action. But practical rules must be worked out for a coming session in which the anti-parliamentary parliamentarians try to smash rational debate. Punishment is a much underutilised mechanism for stopping people from doing things. Were the Speaker in the next few days to set out his own code of consequences he could help parliament and his own authority enormously. One and two day suspensions are worse than useless; they are sought after, they constitute maximum publicity and minimum tribulation. If you are going to martyr somebody, martyr him properly! Suspensions for group protesters and for all users of violence should have a minimum tariff, say three months, and should entail loss of salary. At the discretion of the Speaker the term should rise steeply. The place for extra-parliamentary opposition should be, in every sense the words will bear, outside. Unless very specific and very bad things are promised quickly we have a season of low, barbarous delight before us.

## A LESSON FOR THE UNIONS

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO determine the extent to which the pre-strike ballot clauses of the 1984 Trade Union Act contributed to the collapse of the Austin Rover pay strike. Even without the new legislation it was always probable that the BL shop stewards were going to face considerable difficulties in maintaining a united front. Plots were divided between those earning high productivity bonuses and those which were not. Workers were divided between the skilled engineers and electricians who receive substantial overtime payments and the men on the assembly track who do not. There seems little doubt, however, that the company's willingness to make use of the Act's provisions by issuing injunctions and threatening to seek contempt fines at least hastened the strike's decommission. By claiming that the shop stewards had rigged the outcome of mass meetings and by forcing the issue of a secret ballot, Austin Rover's management succeeded in stripping the strike of all legitimacy.

The lessons of the abortive Austin Rover strike for trade union leaders are threefold. The first is an old one—find out the mood of your members. Conscript strikers do not impress determined and strong-willed management. Secondly, face up to the fact that the people you represent approve of the idea of secret ballots and do not think that your objections to them amount to a row of beans. Finally, do not fool yourself into thinking that denouncing laws you happen to dislike will make them go away. Principled opposition is one thing, but to refuse obedience to the law is futile.

As time passes, it becomes clearer just how clever and effective the Government's step-by-step strategy to reform the trade unions is proving. By moving gradually, the Government has always found itself responding to public opinion rather than attempting to lead it. That is as it should be—astuteness is a higher political virtue than brute courage. Inevitably, it will take some time before the full impact of all the legislation which has been passed since 1981 is felt. It does not seem over-optimistic, however, to look forward to a time when unions are more democratic, more responsive to their members' wishes and less tied to one political party than they are today. Further measures to curb the monopoly bargaining power of trade unions may well, in the interests of the unemployed, who find themselves priced out of work, prove necessary, but the Government is entitled to feel quietly pleased with what has been achieved to date.

## UNESCO: A BOLD DECISION

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO BE congratulated on its decision to give notice at the end of this year of withdrawal from Unesco. After some wavering, it has overcome the natural conservatism of the Foreign Office and resisted the pressure applied by various Commonwealth Governments in recent weeks. The heavy cuts proposed for the BBC external service and the British Council, by contrast with Unesco's estimable organisations, are another matter.

Unesco is an inefficient, politicised, mismanaged and partly corrupt organisation which, even its friends find difficult to defend. Nonetheless, it has done some good things and no doubt could again. It is very important that the countries which remain part of Unesco, and most particularly those Commonwealth countries which have been pressuring us to stay, should understand that Britain is opposed to the practices, not the principles, of the organisation. In his statement to the Commons yesterday, Sir GEOFFREY HOWE made clear that if these practices were reformed, Britain would not leave at the end of next year. One may well doubt Unesco's ability to reform itself, yet it could be done, and one act would make it possible. That is the resignation of Mr AXAPPO MAHTAR M'BOW, the Senegalese Director-General who has been so intimately associated with Unesco's 10-year decline, and his replacement by a figure acceptable to all sides.

The threatened departure of Britain, and the actual departure of the United States at the end of this year, may not in themselves undermine Mr M'BOW's very considerable pride. But if several other European governments said that they would leave unless Mr M'BOW went, it is possible that some Third World countries could find him a pleasant sacrifice. These countries know that Unesco, starved of funds by the West, will perish. The way to save it in the long term is for other Western nations to follow our example.

**PETER PATERSON** sees the miners' president losing a war he does not know how to end but for which the blame must be passed to others

EVEN if the steady drift back to work by the miners is not quite on the scale predicted by the National Coal Board, it ought to be sufficient to demonstrate even to Arthur Scargill's diehards that the game is up. Every national union leader I have spoken to in recent weeks agrees that by any normal standard of industrial relations there is nothing more that can possibly be gained by continuing the strike.

But the dispute in the coal industry is not by any means "normal." It cannot be compared even to the two national mining disputes of 1972 and 1973-4 under the leadership of Lord Gormley: both of these could be claimed as a victory, the latter—given its political consequences—an overwhelming victory. But both came within the recognisable standards of industrial warfare. Both were preceded by a ballot of the members, and both ended when the leadership of the National Union of Mineworkers judged that its objectives had been achieved. The miners went into these strikes united, and they went back united to work.

Mr Scargill is dangerously close to presiding over a defeated rabble. After nearly nine months, important sections of the union have been working throughout. Others, seeing no scope for further negotiations and fed up with the needless sacrifices they have made, are now drifting back to work.

YET Mr Scargill continues to hurl defiance at his allies in the mining areas as though total victory were still within his grasp.

He must know that this is no longer possible. Unless Government assurances on fuel supplies are completely wrong, or unless there is a dramatic change of heart by the members of the key unions in rail and road transport, the docks and the power stations, there will be no power cuts this winter, no three-day week, no economic stranglehold which might force surrender by the Board and the Government.

It is fashionable to deride Mr Scargill's generalship—and with good reason. He has maladroitly arranged that the strike should be preceded by an overtime ban which, after four months, had already financially weakened his members. Scared of submitting his case to a national ballot (which he would almost certainly have won) he adopted his regional domino strategy, which got around the requirements of the rule book but undermined the legitimacy of the strike.

He wildly underestimated the amount of coal stocks, while overestimating the willingness of other workers to come to the aid of the miners. In pursuit of unconditional surrender, he failed to exploit the substantial concessions made by the Board, particularly in the settlement with the pit deputies—good, if he were in isolated combat with the miners' leader, but bad from the point of view of

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## Tory 'supergrass' finds misfortune

IAN GOW, the Housing Minister, may today ruefully reflect on the vicissitudes of political fortune.

Only a few months ago he was being confidently discussed as a leading contender for the post of Northern Ireland Secretary, and with it the place in Cabinet he has always

wanted. Earlier this month Gow threatened to resign over a proposed £600 million of Housing cuts.

As a result of a highly-charged meeting with Mrs Thatcher just before Cabinet she accused him of being a "socialist."

I gather that the Prime Minister added ruefully: "Sometimes I wonder if there are any Tories in the Party besides me."

## Soviets cruise home

THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINERS is not the only political organisation in this country receiving subventions from the Soviet Union—Westminster Conservatives are also the recipients of "Red gold."

The second prize is in the "Two Cities Ball" held at the Savoy on Dec. 4 by Tories from Westminster and City Conservative associations this year happens to be a cruise for two to the Caribbean aboard the Soviet ship, Taras Chevchenko.

Cunard and P&O who usually advertise in the ball programme failed to contribute to this year's festivities in aid of Conservative party funds, so the Russian cruise company CTC LTD not only filled the breach but offered the holiday worth £5,000. This may cause considerable embarrassment to the British companies who have been complaining to the Government that their Russian counterparts are severely undercutting their business.

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## Story of a scoop...

IF ANY credit is due for the success of BBC Television's News scoop which alerted the world to the tragedy of the Ethiopian famine it should go to a reader published in the Sovetskaya Kultura newspaper.

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But while Mr Scargill may be a poor general, he is not by any means a fool. Having lied to his members to expect the impossible it is imperative, if he is to survive himself, to find a scapegoat for his defeat.

In his personal demonology there are plenty of candidates: there is the media, there is Iao MacGregor, there is Mrs Thatcher. All have figured in his strike rhetoric but, alas, none is quite satisfactory for the longer-term purpose.

In that perspective, the coal strike cannot be regarded as an isolated phenomenon. It must be part of the onward march towards Mr Scargill's style of socialism. It has become part of the web of working class history, inspirational, instructional and enduring. The scapegoats must therefore be chosen not from among the enemies without, who could not be expected to behave any less predictably, but the traitors within.

Throughout the coal dispute Mr Kinnock has behaved like a man who knows he is on a bidding to nothing. Violence on the picket lines has ravaged Labour's standing in the opinion polls; Mr Kinnock has duly denounced violence, on the part of the police as well as the strikers, without earning high marks from anyone.

Mr Scargill's intransigence in negotiations made Mr Kinnock's support for the future of the mines and the mining communities sound equally intransigent; so Mr Kinnock set his colleague Mr Stanley Orme to work to find a compromise formula which would allow uneconomic pits to be closed. Mr Orme's semantics proved highly resourceful, but his efforts founded on Mr Scargill's veto on any form of economic assessment of a pit's useful life.

When Mr Scargill invited Mr Kinnock to attend his rallies, Mr Kinnock shrewdly found that his engagement book was full. Aware that this pushed his scapegoat rating even higher, he less shrewdly countered with an invitation to a rally organised by himself—good, if he were in isolated combat with the miners' leader, but bad from the point of view of

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At least that course, which has valid constitutional authority, would take some of the heat off Mr Kinnock. But the Labour movement—and particularly Mr Kinnock, Mr Eccles, Mr Norman Willis and the TUC General Council, plus the working miners, the pit deputies, the steelworkers and the lorry drivers—had better resign themselves to their fate: singly or collectively, by omission or commission they have, in Mr Scargill's book, betrayed the miners—and, by extension, socialism as well.

... and near disaster

AN ITV camera crew recently recording a rare interview with the Queen had the misfortune to suffer the heart-stopping moment every television technician dreads.

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## Chip off the old block

THE FIRST job to be undertaken by Michael Sayers Phillips, when he is installed on Thursday as the new master of the Glaziers Company will be to hand over the rent for the Glaziers' Hall in Montague Close near London Bridge.

The hall is part of a building owned by the Co-operative Insurance Company and, in what has become a tradition since the livery took over the premises in 1978, the peppermint candy stick is symbolised by a piece of glass.

Sayers Phillips, a London solicitor whose detailed knowledge of glass-work is questionable, has wisely refrained from raiding his conservatory. Instead he has commissioned Alfred Fisher, an assistant to the court of the Glaziers Company, to create a plaque made from the finest piece of lead crystal produced in the last year of existence of the famous old Whitefriars Glassworks which, sadly, folded in 1980.

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# Land 'swap' brings prime sites offer to Soviet embassy

By CHARLES LAURENCE

THE Russians have been offered two prime sites in London to develop major new embassy enclaves in a diplomatic swap for a new British embassy in Moscow.

One of the sites covers numbers 1 to 7 Kensington Palace Gardens, known variously as Millionaire's Row or Embassy Row, and will almost certainly involve demolition of most of the listed buildings there.

The second site is at 245 Warwick Road, near Olympia in West Kensington, where the Russians are expected to build a forbidding wall enclave with flats, a swimming pool, sauna, gymnasium and school for diplomatic children.

The offer of the sites was revealed in a Parliamentary answer by Mr Tim Renton, Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, to a question from Sir Brandon Rhy Williams, Conservative MP for Kensington, who has led protest battles against previous schemes for a "Kensington Kremlin."

Diplomatic duels over embassy buildings in Moscow and London go back to 1952 when Stalin, in one of the last acts of his rule, issued a formal notice to the British to quit the 19th century mansion on the south bank of the Moscow river which they still occupy.

**Sources of irritation**

The Moscow embassy faces the red brick walls and gilded domes of the Kremlin, and the sight of the Union flag fluttering beyond their office windows has become a failed source of irritation to the Politburo.

Sir Anthony Acland, Foreign Office Permanent Under-Secretary, is due to visit Moscow at the end of this month to inspect two sites on offer from the Kremlin further down the river in the area known as the foreign quarter.

A spokesman at the Foreign Office said that the formal decision to exchange "suitable sites" had been made in 1964, but this year had proved favourable for negotiations as the Crown Leases on the Soviet buildings in Lodoor were up for renewal, giving Britain a negotiating stance to equal Stalin's original notice to quit.

The British have hung on to

their embassy on one-year leases since 1952.

Mr Renton said in the Commons that "normal planning procedures" would apply to the Russian developments. A spokesman at Kensington and Chelsea Council said they were "not aware" of any plans submitted so far.

Sir Brandon said he understood that the Russians' long-dreamed of walled enclave would go on the Warwick Road site, with the Kensington Palace Gardens site being developed for offices and embassy residence. The Russian ambassador is to keep his existing residence at 13 Kensington Palace Gardens.

The Russians already occupy number 5 with their Consulate and are expected to give up number 16 which they also occupy.

The future of their enclaves in Notting Hill and at Highgate in North London remain uncertain, but most of the 300 Russian diplomats and their dependents are expected to gather in the new developments when they are complete.

## High walls

Sir Brandon said: "We expect them to build their high walls on the Warwick Road, which is a less sensitive site, but I am sure there will be demolition in Kensington Palace Gardens as well."

"Although the buildings there are listed, I would not be opposed if they come forward with good plans for replacement buildings that are in keeping with the area."

"I know this will anger some of my constituents, who object to the removal of even a flake of plaster, but one has to be realistic. This site is disconnected from the rest of the avenue and has already been heavily developed."

Sir Brandon led the successful protest against an earlier scheme to let the Russians develop the site of the old Kensington Barracks in Church Street.

## Open Register sought

CONSERVATION groups are banding together to launch an attack on the Government and local authorities in a bid to make the Land Register open to public inspection.

It follows the initiative by the Law Commission to seek the views of interested parties as to whether the Register should be available for inspection.

The Law Commission set up in 1985 by the Government for the purpose of reviewing the law and possible simplification and reform, is asking whether it would be in the public interest to open the Land Register.

The Commission suggests that some form of partial opening could achieve a balance between the interest of the public in obtaining information about land ownership and the interest of proprietors in keeping their private affairs confidential.

Against the argument is the suggestion that administrative problems might make additional demands on the Registry's resources.

The Register is already open in some respects, but it is thought that its scope could be

extended to include potential purchasers; those wishing to sue the owner or serve notice on him; tenants wishing to identify the landlord; purchasers of leaseholds wishing to discover covenants and charges affecting a superior title.

Conservationists are solidly in favour of an open Register. The 40,000-strong Ramblers Association said: "If an obstructed footpath is reported to us we want to be able to find out who the landowner is and, if necessary, prosecute him."

The Association claims that a great many of the 100,000 miles of public rights of way in England and Wales are illegally blocked or ploughed up.

Friends of the Earth, in its recent proposals for a Natural Heritage Bill, shows that opening the Land Register to public inspection would greatly assist in the work of protecting important wildlife sites.

The Ramblers Association said that the public already had access to the Register of ownership of common land, under the Commons Registration Act 1965. Application from landowners to carry out developments on their land is also open to public inspection in planning departments.

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## Private road no escape for drink-driver

DRIVING to the pub along a private road is no protection from the drink-driving laws, Lord Justice Roaert Goff and Mr Justice McCullough ruled in the Appeal Court yesterday.

Providing the public have access to a road, the police can lawfully stop and breath-test motorists driving along it, they said.

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Mr. T. J. Albert Jackson, 42, from Tampa, Florida, happily taking up two seats on an aeroplane from Florida to Nassau, Bahamas, where he will take part in the "Good Times Festival." Mr Jackson, who is 6ft 4inches tall and weighs 62st 4lb, claims to be the world's largest man.

## Nancy Reagan admits rift in First Family

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

MRS NANCY REAGAN admitted yesterday what many Washington insiders have known for months, that she and President Reagan are estranged from his adopted son, Michael.

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Michael spent Thanksgiving in Omaha, Nebraska, at his in-laws' house with his second wife, Colleen. He said: "I was absolutely stunned by the holiday greeting that Colleen and I received from my stepmother."

"For the first time since my wife and I were married nine years ago, we are spending Thanksgiving with her family in Nebraska. Besides, we were never invited to spend this Thanksgiving at the Reagan family ranch."

"It appears to us that Nancy is attempting to justify the fact that Dad and her have not seen their newest grandchild (Ashley, 19 months) once since her birth."

"I have no feelings of estrangement at all. If there is a conflict, it would be a feeling of resentment that Nancy has toward me and my family."

### BABY SURVIVES OPERATION TO BUILD HEART

A baby born with most of her heart missing has become the first in Britain to survive an operation to build the missing parts using sections from a donor organ.

Catherine Coates, aged eight months, of Cromwell Avenue, Filey, North Yorkshire, had nine hours of surgery earlier this month. She is now progressing at home with her mother Carol.

The paediatric surgeon, Mr Duncan Walker, of Killingbeck Hospital, Leeds, said: "We have been trying for years to succeed in this operation. We are very hopeful Catherine will continue to make good progress."

## The Police Graduate Entry Scheme.

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### Boots climbs to £79.9m

HELPED by a favourable review of labour and overhead costs on its dispensing business, Boots increased its profits for the half year to Sept. 28, from £65.1m to £79.9m before tax.

For the second half, Boots is expecting a continuing profit improvement, although the rate of increase is likely to be less.

The interim dividend is lifted from 2p to 2.5p a share payable Jan. 12.

Boots has agreed to acquire 95 per cent of the equity of a Munich-based pharmaceutical company, Kaniadit Arzneimittel.

Quotations—P27

### BPCC change

BRITISH Printing and Communications Corporation has dropped plans to offer a convertible stock alternative to its 50p a share offer for John Waddington.

The formal cash offer discloses that the offer period will not be extended beyond Dec. 13, unless the bid has been declared unconditional by then.

Quotations—P27

### Kier tops £6m

BUILDING and contracting group French Kier has increased interim pre-tax profits from £5.65m to £6.32m in the six months to June and the group reports that the improving trends are continuing in the second-half.

The interim dividend is to be raised from 1.45p net to 1.55p, payable Dec. 31.

Quotations—P27

### Sedgwick sale

IN ACCORDANCE with the Lloyd's Act 1972, Sedgwick Group is selling its 33 per cent interest in Edwards & Payne (Underwriting Agencies) to Sturge Holdings, for £4.5m.

Just under 24s of the price paid by Sturge, part of the largest independent group of underwriting agents in Lloyd's, will be in cash, with the rest in Sturge Ordinary shares.

Edwards & Payne is forecasting a pre-tax profit of about £1.1m in the current year.

### EMAP peak

MAJOR improvements in publishing operations have helped East Midland Allied Press push opening half-pre-tax profits on from £2.1m to a record £3.34m. It can now do even better but for development costs in its new exhibition division, run-up

### U.S. HOLIDAY

UNITED STATES banks and markets were closed yesterday for Thanksgiving Day.

Costs for the new magazine press and administrative expenses and interest charges associated with two acquisitions. All have been written off against profits.

It is expecting second-half profits to be comfortably ahead of last time's £2.6m.

The interim is 0.92p 10.77p on Jan. 4 from earnings of 2.3p (2.5p).

### Exel's U.S. loss

A LOSS in the United States by Digital Microsystems due to sales and management problems and a £244,000 increase in the interest charge to £231,000, has restricted Exel Group's pre-tax profit growth in the opening half.

The profit was £1.5m to £1.5m, but the rise in pre-tax profits is just £86,000 to £5.24m.

The interim is 1.5p (equal same) on Jan. 7 from earnings of 0.9p (equal to 7.2p).

### Duffryn falls

THE MINERS' strike, as chairman Viscount Sandon warned in August, has hit Powell Duffryn with the shipping side swinging from a £1.7m trading profit to a £349,000 loss in the opening half and the group's pre-tax return back from 26.43m to 25.65m.

The interim is again 5p, payable Jan. 7.

### Merrydown ahead

MERRYDOWN Wine profits growth continues with the first half pre-tax return up by just over 55 pence from £63.800 to £65.300 on a 7 per cent turnover rise to £4.17m.

The interim is 1.9p (equal to 0.89p) payable Jan. 7.

### WORLD MARKETS

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PARIS (CAC General) 180.00 - 1.10

SYDNEY (ASX Gen.) 752.70 - 1.60

TOKYO (Nikkei Dow) 11,207.70 - 42.09

ZURICH (Credit Suisse) 312.80 + 0.60

# International Stores sold to Dee for £180m

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

HIGHLY ambitious Alec Monk, chairman of Dee Corporation, yesterday pulled off his biggest deal yet, agreeing to pay £180 million to BAT Industries for its 380-strong chain of International Stores.

This move doubles the owner of Dee's stores which trade predominantly under the Gateway name and almost doubles selling space.

More significantly it pushes Dee into fourth place in the grocery market league table behind Sainsbury and Tesco who jockey for top spot with Asda in third place. Dee jumps above James Gulliver's Argyl Group.

To pay for the deal it still must clear certain hurdles, notably the Office of Fair Trading, the group's brokers Bowes & Pritchard undertook to far the biggest vendor share placing as seen on the stock market when 150 institutional buyers were found for 115 million shares at 16p each.

The placings price was so high that the new investors will get the shares 8p higher to 18.5p.

BAT Industries chairman Patrick Sheehy said his firm had decided to concentrate on food retailing. That means the Argos catalogue showrooms operation in this country along with the newly-launched Jewelers Guild. In North America retailing at BATs covers Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field's with Horton in West Germany.

BAT's name is frequently linked by market speculators to almost every retailing takeover mooted. Asked whether BATs was planning to bid for Dixons and Currys if that takeover goes through finance director Tom Loog said: "We never comment on market rumours."

Mr Monk approached BATs three weeks ago. After several years of losses International has a chance to participate.

### EEC rebate reduces record trade deficit

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

THE timely arrival of the £528 million refund from the Common Market lost most helpfully by £173 million to £1.259 billion. But imports and exports were both inflated by erratic items such as ships, aircraft and precious stones.

If both erratic items and oil are excluded exports rose by 10 per cent to £4,609 million between September and October and imports rose by 4.5 per cent to £5.980 million.

Exports of most items other than oil were buoyant with finished manufactures up £105 million. Market last month helped to £2,267 million and exports of cars up from £582 million to £112 million. Shipments to most major markets except the Communist block were significantly higher.

Imports of food, fuel, raw materials and semi-manufactured articles all rose, but imports of finished manufactures fell by £145 million to £2,793 million. Arrivals of cars fell from £401 million to £281 million. Imports from most major suppliers rose with the exception of the EEC.

In the latest four month period the current account has been in deficit by £975 million, compared with £472 million in the March to June period.

The monthly surplus in trade in oil and oil products also fell by almost £200 million to £388 million with oil exports falling just over £80 million and oil imports rising by more than £100 million, reflecting the efforts necessary to heat the miners strike.

BET sells more Rediffusion

By DAVID GREEN

BRITISH Electric Traction has sold another of its Rediffusion interests, Rediffusion Computers, to a management and City consortium.

The price is not being disclosed, but it leaves BET with a £14 million write-off.

Members of the new consortium, called ROCOC Corporation, are Charrhouse Development Capital and the four executive directors of Rediffusion Computers.

The company started 10 years ago to take advantage of the experience Rediffusion had built up in its simulator business, specialises in office automation systems.

Annual turnover is around £17 million and it has a work-force of 500 but, says BET

which could be divided into separate investments if no buyer is found for the whole complex.

The combination of the two interests made the complex very saleable and in 1972 Jack Walker and Ramoo Greene bought Bush House through English and Co-operative Property.

In 1973 Walker and Greene sold their entire English & Coolentool portfolio to the Post Office Staff Superannuation Scheme for about £75 million and it was reported at that time that Bush House counted for around £52 million of that total.

On a capital value basis the property would have to sell for well in excess of £100 million simply to have kept up with the cost of living since it was acquired by the Post Office in 1973.

According to Godfrey Richardson, a partner of Knight Frank, Bush House is made up of four separate buildings in the complex for £2.5 million and

the Federal Reserve Board's overnight decision to cut the United States discount rate to 8.5 per cent got the Bank of England and the three clearing banks who held their base rates on Monday off the hook yesterday.

National Westminster was the first to seize the fresh opportunity to cut British interest rates with a 1/2 per cent cut in base rate to 9.5 per cent and a similar reduction in seven-day deposit rate to 8.5 per cent.

Lloyds Bank followed with identical moves and by midday Monday had also cut its rates by 1/2 per cent, fixing base rate at 9.5 per cent and the seven-day money rate at 8.5 per cent.

The Bank of England duly lowered its dealing rates in the London discount market by a further 1/2 per cent, making 10 per cent on the week, in line with yesterday's base rate changes. Barclays Bank, which began the latest move with a tentative 1/2 per cent on Moody's, held its hand yesterday, but the smaller banks aligned with the majority on 9.5 per cent last night.

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## CITY COMMENT

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if they choose and cynics may still conclude the banks have been a little obvious in timing their latest cuts to provide "support" for the British Telecom issue — which it patently does not need to ensure its success.

Lloyds Bank, meanwhile, is helping put more pressure on mortgage rates, cutting its cheapest rate to 11.5 per cent and a true rate of 12.5 per cent, which makes it now one of the most competitive.

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But most economists expect renewed domestic demand to outweigh the import drain for most of next year before recession sets in late in 1985, giving growth of 3 to 5.5 per cent for the year as a whole.

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### Fed uneasy about economy

IN AN unusually loquacious accompanying statement, the Fed said it acted "against the background of growth in M1 and M2 in the lower part of the desired money target ranges and in the context of distinct moderation in the pace of business expansion, of relative stability in producer and commodity prices in recent months, of the restrained trend of wages and costs and of the continued strength of the dollar internationally."

The Fed's move followed news that the economy grew by less than 2 per cent in the third quarter, a dramatic slowdown from the breakneck expansion of 7 per cent in the second quarter and 10 per cent in the first, with every sign that the fourth quarter will be equally sluggish.

The discount rate cut is likely to be followed shortly by reductions in American banks' prime interest rates.

It is possible to overdo the gloom, however. Recent recoveries have typically paused for breath after the first vigorous phase of growth. While this pause is rather more

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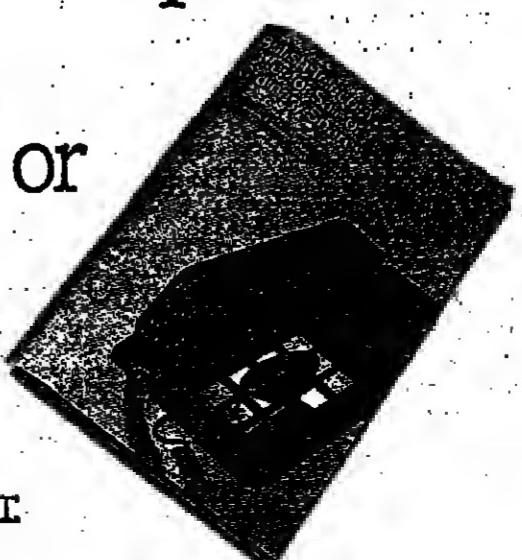


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# SOFT GOING NO PROBLEM FOR HALLO DANDY

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

**HALLO DANDY**, last season's Grand National winner, has become 16-1 favourite to repeat that success at Aintree on March 30, following an impressive performance yesterday at Kempton Park, where he won the Lutteur III Handicap Chase by 20 lengths.

Rain turned the ground really soft, and this caused misgivings for trainer Gordon Richards, who regards Hallo Dandy as best suited by good going. His worries proved needless because Hallo Dandy was always travelling and jumping well.

Another Breeze disputed the lead with him until a mile from home, then tired, but a fresh challenge came from Herr Capitan.

Hallo Dandy appeared to have taken his measure when the hard-riding Herr Capitan came down at the penultimate fence.

This left Hallo Dandy clear, and he coasted home from the tired Cross, who had finished well ahead of him at Worcester last month. Another Breeze was third, while Herr Capitan remounted to finish fourth.

Hallo Dandy had been tipped at 20-1 with Hill's for the 1985 Grand National before yes-

terday's race at Newbury.

Yesterday's rain will have improved the track, though Drumgar's Hennessy, the leading Ladbroke's horse, had trimmed his Newbury odds from 9-1 to 7-1. They have also cut Cannibals' price by a point to 7-1, while Madamore will ride Cannon Ball.

Burrough Hill Lad, running a strong Lutteur, and the Hill's 8-1, which had 5-2 has been reduced to 8-1. Peter Clegg, Harry Brig's amateur jockey, is interrupting overseas business trip to its last for the mount on this 8-1.

Lower Pictures, rider Steve Lawrence, had the Japan Cup on Sunday, becoming the Australian five-year-old's sixth different jockey in as many races since he began a world tour of important courses last summer.

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## GATTING LEADS CHARGE ON WEST ZONE

By MICHAEL CAREY in Rajkot

SOME light was thrown on the rest of England's tour itinerary yesterday with the news that the third Test in Calcutta will start on Dec. 31, and the visit to Bangladesh for a one-day international, planned for Jan. 2, will not now take place, writes Michael Carey.

The only other change involves the one-day international at Guntakal which will now take place on Dec. 29. The four-day game against East Zone at Gaibati, which was feared might have to be rescheduled, will start on Dec. 19 as originally planned.

These changes, caused by the decision of the Indian parliamentary elections on Dec. 24, have apparently been agreed after several days of negotiations between the Test and County Cricket Board and the India Cricket Board.

If the reader detects a certain hesitancy, it is now, it is because the English Board, Tony Brown, while aware of the agreed changes, had still not been notified officially by the Indian Board. In Rajkot last night we were again struck by the news. That, however, is often the way of things in this part of the world.

**LATEST FIXTURES**  
Nov. 28-Dec. 8: FIRST TEST (Bombay).  
Dec. 8: One-day international (Panaji).  
Dec. 12-13: v N.C.R. (Mumbai).  
Dec. 15-16: v East & Central Zone.  
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### Hard straight drives

Gatting, meanwhile, had started to relish the conditions more than anyone. Few spinners in England in this mood and he was soon taking wickets at a rate which hinted that his mind was already on sterner contests ahead.

### Message to middle

Gatting's hundred was marked by his desire to get into the middle, clearly suggesting that he had come for him to get out. This was easier said than done, however, and although the ball was again stuck in the air, Gatting had matched figures of seven for 19 in his first eight overs.

In his second spell, he had taken several long looks from the England viewpoint and when the closure came, giving England's bowlers their own moment of truth on this pitch.

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R. Y. Robinson, b. Sandhu 121  
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# KNEE JINX PUTS MELVILLE BACK ON TREADMILL

By JOHN MASON

**NIGEL MELVILLE**, more resigned than depressed by his latest knee injury, cannot play for Yorkshire against Middlesex in the Thorn EMI county championship semi-final at Sudbury tomorrow. Nor is he likely to lead the North against the Australians on Wednesday.

After some initial confusion concerning cause and effect, strained fibres of the medial ligaments of the right knee following a collision during the Stanley's match on Wednesday have put the unfortunate **Losing comes so Melville out of action for the time being.**

The only morsel of comfort for Melville, after a bleak 18 months of five operations and sundry setbacks, has been that his much-scarred left knee, despite early dressing room reports to the contrary, is in good order.

Melville was reasonably happy soon after Wednesday's match in which he played for an hour. It was only much later in the evening and again yesterday morning that he fully realised he was back on the injury treadmill.

## Resilience decreasing

There was an early telephone call to Don Gathier, England's physiotherapist, who has a private practice — plus a succession of other contacts, including chairman of selectors in addition to those incoming from concerned inquiries.

"From all my experience with knee injuries," said Melville yesterday before seeking further expert advice, "I know that it is strained fibres of the medial ligaments. It is definitely not torn and the knee is not swollen up since late on Wednesday."

"On this present diagnosis I hope that I will be off action for only a week or 10 days. I sincerely hope I won't damage the leg that has been sound until now. When the England squad trained on Tuesday, I felt my other problem leg was really 100 per cent, for the first time."

## Re-union torpedoed

"Yet within 24 hours this happens. I've needed plenty of rest and a few last couple of years but that quality is decreasing sharply. Should I go worse, I don't think I could through all that again."

The injury occurred as Melville, who was partnering Stuart Barnes, his England colleague, and three times a Doublet, was in the Southgate XV against Oxford University on Wednesday, got a knock on the knee as he was twisting round.

Henry Jervyna, of Morley, will replace Melville in Yorkshire's team to meet Middlesex while Andy Fraser of Headingley, in for Simon Tippins, the Sale flank forward who had a damaged ankle. Fraser, injured for a long time, has been playing well this winter. Melville's injury also cast o

## Clements, 58, just keeps playing

By ROB MCLEAN

AT THE age when most people are contemplating a pension, John Clements is preparing for yet another rugby match tomorrow against Reigate.

The Rutherglen wing, now 58, made his debut for the club in the First XV and shows little sign of losing his enthusiasm despite the fact that his team, the Extra Bs, have scored only 11 points and conceded 300 in 12 games.

"He hates not playing and he never lets anyone down," points out Peter Leonard, the club chairman. "He's a regular player and I expect him to be with us next season. His ambition

was to have a son playing in the same team—but he has six daughters."

Judians are launching a £15,000 appeal to refurbish and expand their Tonbridge clubhouse. Tomorrow they held six teams for the first time, four against Lloyds Bank.

## Out six weeks

Mid-Walesmen will be without Phil Williams, their No. 8, for six weeks. He injured a shoulder in the 36-4 midweek win against American side, George Washington R.F.C., who are touring England. Mid-Walesmen visited America last Easter.

David Coates, Rutherglen's former captain, returns to the side for the match against O.M.T. at

Headstone Lane after a three-week absence because of a back injury. Last season's fixture book has been sold out.

Peter Astorworth, the Alveylans back, plays against Tiffins twice over the weekend. Tomorrow at Dulwich he switches to fly-half because of an injury to David McAllister. On Sunday he reverts to his normal position for Combined London Old Boys at East Molesey in a match to celebrate Tiffins' golden jubilee.

It could be needed should the team be successful in the County Cup. "But we're taking nothing for granted," says Mr Clist. "Old Cutherfordians beat us last season."

## Clement's view

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## Soccer—Milk Cup

# HAPPY CHELSEA HOME TO WEDNESDAY

By DONALD SAUNDERS

CHELSEA'S prospects of winning a major domestic prize for the first time since 1970 grew brighter yesterday, when they were drawn at home to Sheffield Wednesday in the Milk Cup quarter-finals.

Following their handsome 4-1 victory over Manchester City in the fourth round, Chelsea are delighted with another home game, especially as it is against the club they edged out of the Second Division Championship last Spring.

Though Wednesday earned a comfortable 4-2 fourth-round win over Luton at Hilsborough, they have faltered in the League recently after being up among the pacesetters.

To contrast, Chelsea, following an uncertain start, have edged past Wednesday on goal difference to close up on the leaders. "We are scoring goals and not conceding many," emphasised last night McNeill, their assistant manager.

I have had a feeling for some time that we would do well in the Milk Cup and a home draw

## Independiente stand

by Argentines

Independiente of Argentina, South American soccer champions, have refused to stay at the same hotel as Liverpool before their Libertadores Cup match in Tokyo on Dec. 9, the Japan FA said yesterday.

It was suggested that members of the Falklands War might be the cause. The match will be televised live to about 60 nations.

It just what we wanted. Everything is up to us."

Grimsby, the Second Division club who went to Goodison on Tuesday and impudently knocked out Everton, are Milk Cup runners-up, and current League leaders, have also been rewarded with a home draw, against Watford.

The last time this pair met, in the cup, in 1971, Watford won 3-1 in a rain-swept draw.

"They must be rubbing their hands at the thought of coming here," suggested Dave Booth, manager of Grimsby, the only non-First Division club in the tournament.

"Still, we are relieved to get home and it could not have come at a better time. If Norwich can win their next four or five League games, it would help, since they might come here overconfident and run out of luck by them."

Ken Brown, Norwich's manager, was naturally pleased to have a chance of guiding his team to the semi-finals without their having to meet a single First Division club en route.

"The draw seems to be favouring us a little at present," he agreed. "Now it is up to us to take advantage. No one thinks

## England's chance of revenge

By ROGER MALONE

ENGLAND'S tour of Mexico next summer has acquired a spicy addition—they will play West Germany in Mexico City's Aztec Stadium on June 12, affording Bobby Robson the chance to avenge the 2-1 defeat at Wembley two years ago.

With matches against Mexico on June 6 and Mexico three days later, England's tour was summed up by Ted Croker, the FA secretary, last night:

"With the games in South America last summer, it means we have played the toughest opposition in the world in the space of 12 months."

While still sharing the side last summer, England beat Brazil, lost to Uruguay and drew with Chile. Now, added Croker, England has a chance to avenge its hosts to next summer's opposition.

England have lined up ideally-sever preparation.

Megson's 'nightmare'

After winning all five matches against West Germany, England have five times from 1970-82, with just one win, 1975, and a 1982 draw with Ron Greenwood in charge.

After completing his transfer from Nottingham Forest to Watford for £130,000, Gary Megson last night commented on his failure to get a first team place for the first time since he joined the club, whose manager Brian Clough had criticised his trapping ability.

"I have played for almost nine years as a pro and would have thought anyone who could not pass the ball would not have got past the apprentice stage."

Despite those statistics, Graham Taylor, Watford's manager, has praised the draw. "This is something to look forward to over the next couple of months," he said.

## Good results

"We have struck a few good results together recently and most now concentrate on pulling our League season round. We have had two more wins, including a visit from Tottenham three weeks on Saturday."

Ipswich must also wait in learn what their opponents will be. Despite those figures, their four and Southampton have settled their final fixtures, which requires a Loftus Road next Tuesday.

"I would prefer Rangers because we know more about them," said Bobby Ferguson, manager of the Londoners, who signed the Wrexham defender, on a month's loan.

David Speedie, the Chelsea striker with 21 disciplinary points, is set to make his return to the team on Saturday, fortifying this makes Gordon Davies' recent signing from Fulham a timely one.

Andy McCulloch, the Crystal Palace striker, has joined Aldershot in a free transfer. Cardiff have signed Jake Ryle, the Wrexham defender, on a month's loan.

**FOOTBALL RESULTS**

FOOTBALL CUP—(continued from page 1)

CENTRAL: LGE—Div. 1: Postponed; Coventry v. Sheffield Wed., 7 Nov.; Birmingham v. Middlesbrough, 10 Nov.

Div. 2: Ipswich v. Reading, 10 Nov.

ARMY CORPS QUADRANGULAR: Tiverton v. Royal Artillery, 2 Nov.; Engineers v. R. N. Signals, 14 Nov.

Under-21 cap as an overage player, is alive to the dangers of him becoming a victim of his own success.

"Our aim is to make Kerry the perfect striker—and he is still learning," he said. "Once a player like him is on a pedestal, it is all too easy to knock him off."

"It is a team game and we want Kerry to be more aware of those around him. We want him to create space, make goals as well as take them."

"I know people are talking about him in England terms

and, if he continues the way he is, Bobby himself will have to pick him for so long at the end of the season will speak for themselves."

Mr Hollins and Ian McNeill, Chelsea's assistant manager, are also involved in an enthralling race over the progress of Colin Peters.

"He has been outstanding," said Mr McNeill. "On current form, he is playing better than Terry Butcher—and yet he is not really mentioned when people talk about possible England defenders."

MICHAEL CALVIN



Cliff Wilson lines up a shot during his match with Terry Griffiths at Preston yesterday.

## Soccer Matters

By MICHAEL CALVIN

## Asprey finds that reprieve is cruel

MIRACLES must become common currency if managers such as Bill Asprey are to survive soccer's unequal struggle. He owes his job to one of the most readily overlooked achievements of last season—keeping Stoke in the First Division.

It has proved a cruel reprieve. Further financial restraints have prevented any attempts to build a team and, suddenly, the vultures are gathering.

One leading soccer figure voiced a common opinion when he told me: "Stoke are the worst First Division team I've seen for 10 years."

And, more damningly, Alan Hudson has betrayed all professional principles—and his team-mates—by openly expressing similar sentiments.

## Quiet determination

Mr Asprey is aware that he must dispense the cancer of such repartee. There is no room for derision in his voice when he tells you: "When things are going the way they people have to pull together."

Of course, I've heard the knock-all-around line again in another match this season, when we produced

our first miracle by staying up last season.

"I've tried to shield the players but I will not allow other people to compete for my position," he says. "Although it's difficult to have to go into the dressing room and keep lifting them, I sense the self-help is still there."

That his team are six points off the top is remorseless routine, which strips away the veneer of managerial glamour. A 14-hour day is typical and, with only one coach to help him, Mr Asprey must rely on a network of largely unpaid scouts.

## Diverse background

Yet Stoke represents the type of opportunity which sustained him through an anonymous apprenticeship at such diverse places as Zimbabwe, Oxford and the Middle East. In the streets of Stoke, the fissures and sides of the game is moving out of the manager's control but I try to cope.

"I can't deny I'm sometimes envious. My first team's wage bill would be £2 million a week. Managers and pay a lot of their players and other clubs pay a lot of money simply to strengthen their squad."

"I've got 14 players odd, realistically, survival would represent success. But there are other things that cannot be killed, the tremendous enthusiasm shown by our hard core of supporters, for instance."

I'd rather be honest and put everything I've got into the job because I thrive in the involvement. If I felt so badly about some of the problems I wouldn't stay in the game."

Jimmy Greaves' son, Danny, who joined Chelmsford two weeks ago, may be included in the attack for the home match against Trowbridge.

MICHAEL CALVIN

## Gola League

## Enfield off to snatch league leadership

By PETER ERNEST

TELFORD and Frickley, two of the six Gola League teams through to the second round of the FA Cup, meet for poits tomorrow in the wake of the Yorkshire Club's fine 2-1 win at Scarborough on Wednesday.

When the teams met earlier in the season Telford won 5-3 in their own ground, although, when enroute to a 2-1 replay won over Third Division Lincoln on Tuesday has earned them a tie at Preston in the next round, are free of injuries and the manager, Stan Storton, is looking forward to what is always a tight fixture at West Ecluse Lane.

Second-placed Enfield, who put paid to Forest Division leaders another midweek, also travel tomorrow in an effort to wrest the league leadership from Altringham. The jubilant London side play at Retford, who made a brave exit from the Cup at the hands of Bournemouth.

## Goalkeeper's return

Dave Needham, Kettering's manager, was especially pleased with the commitment shown by his younger players who are now convinced they are better than the older ones. But, for Enfield's visit he will be without Doug Keast, who starts a three-match suspension.

Wealdstone, in third place, will be anxious to break a spell of six league matches without a win, as they move back into the top half of the table, who have been forced to sell Jim Finnigan to Duxford, of the Southern League. Brian Hall, the Wealdstone manager, is hoping that goalkeeper Bob Iles may be fit to return after injury.

John Still, Dartford's manager, delighted with the prospect of a second-round FA Cup home tie against Bournemouth, takes his team to Eastbourne tomorrow evening, that Micky Diogwall, signed last week from Maidstone, and Tony Gibson will have recovered from slight injuries.

Tomorrow, Northwich Victoria, at Wigan in the second round of the Cup, are at home to Gates-

## U.K. Snooker Championship

## Spencer foiled as Johnson strikes

By JANICE HALE

JOHN SPENCER, ranked No. 13 in the world, yesterday failed to survive the first round of the Coral United Kingdom Snooker Championship. Trailing 2-6 overnight, he was beaten 9-6 by Joe Johnson, of Bradford, at Preston Guildhall.

## How they stand

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# TELEVISION - FRIDAY

**BBC-1**

9.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Selina Scott and Nick Ross, rpt. 9.16-9.40 Mastermind, 10.30-10.50 Picnic School, 12.30 News, Weather, 12.57 Regional News (London, Scotland, East end); Financial Report and News, 1. Pebble Mill at One, with the Arts Brass Ensemble in Need Appeal, 1.30 The Fine Men, 1.35 Little Misses and the Minister, 1.45 Little Misses and the Minister, 2 Purley for Pleasure; The Wallabies Collected, 2.45 "Maud's Night Out," 2.57 b/w; John Fortune, a wealthy girl, falls for Alan Lane, the milkman, not realising he is the son of a millionaire doing it for a bet so that his father can finance a living expedition. At the same time he thinks she is only in a fast, low-budget comedy, 3.48 and London Jingles, Handies, 4.30 Bed Zax and the Alien Prince, 4.45 Heartbeat: Backwards, Frontwards and Sideways—in making pictures, 5.15 Crackerjack, 5.38 Weather.

**BBC-2**

9.30 a.m. Daytime on Two, a sequence of 13 short educational programmes, 3 Anatomy of a Volcano; repeat of an America programme about an explosion in north west America in May 1980, which killed 63, 3.35 "The Man in Half Moon Street" (1976), a British horror tale set in the London of perpetual fog and hansom cabs; where the Asher appears to be a young scientist but is actually an expert in preserving human tissue. There have been a number of mutations made in Hollywood, which ruined it for some, 3.45 News, Weather, 5.30 Fred: An Epic Journey Begun. Yet another Fred O'Brian rpt.

6.00 \*THE INVADERS—The Innocent. Vincent is taken off in the flying saucer.

6.50 CHOIR OF THE YEAR—Six more amateur choirs, from Scotland and the north of England.

7.30 \*\*THREE IN THE WILD—Mardius, the Buzzard, part one. He is the third largest bird in the Extinct nest but it is a good year for food and he survives, even after falling 30 feet to the ground where he begins a new life in a hardly placed cardboard box. But how do you learn to fly from that? A marvellous wild life film, though the ending leaves you wondering how there can be a part two. One of my best choices, tell me that Shakti's mother, in the last film, was not actually blind or so old but a brain-damaged vixen

**6.00 NEWS**
**6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES**

6.55 CHILDREN IN NEED—The opening of an evening of entertainment which will continue until well into tomorrow, introduced by Terry Wogan, Joanna Lumley and Sue Cook; a phone-in appeal to raise money for handicapped or deprived children. This particular section will include Jim'll Fix It, with Jim Saville making back at favourite moments, and Blankety Blank, presented by Les Dawson.

**9.00 NEWS, WEATHER**

9.25 CHILDREN IN NEED—The second section, including Six of the Best, with Bernard Fais, introducing a film about the Wallen Sextuplets, who were one year old when the show started; That's Life—Peter Ranjen with extracts from the last few years' News Headlines at 11.30; then The Last Lap, the final appeal and progress report, 1.10 Weather.

which the RSPCA released to stumble about. Best not to know these things.

**8.00 CALL MY BLUFF**

8.30 \*ITALIANS—The Sicilian Fisherman. He is 60, nearly 80, but still out fishing the Straits of Messina, and day from dawn to dusk, a daring living against the odds foreign to those who went to fish by the thousand. An attractive film of a hard, humorous life.

9.00 AMERICA IN THE NIGHT AND THE MUSIC, A UNA DEDICATION visits the 407th.

9.25 \*ARENA—We Don't Like Your House Either! It won't want a personalised house, strongly influenced by Red Indian and jewellers' associations, apparently made of tiger bones, with an orange carpet on the roof, and a trend for life in the very likeable architect, whose house is built of your man. His comments and explanations are very persuasive, but he doesn't live in a house he designed himself. An amusing and instructive parade of the most remarkable buildings you will

**10.25 NEWSPRINT**

11.10-12.35 \*THE KILLING (1966, b/w)—Early Stanley Kubrick caper film, with Sterling Hayden planning to rob a race-course of two million dollars. Visual aspects better than the script or narration, but plenty of excitement and action, with Elisha Cook, Timothy Carey and Marie Windsor.

**8.30 HALLELUJAH!—Snake Pit, Capt. Emily thinks she's been promoted, [Oracle subtitle].**
**9.00 EH BRIAN, IT'S A WHOOPIE—The Shape of Things to Come. Fishing club serial which our readers feel can only get better. [Oracle subtitle].**
**10.00 NEWS AT TEN; followed by London News Headlines.**

10.30 THE LONDON PROGRAMME—Any Escape for the C, including an interview with Ken Livingstone and a summary of the Government Bill's proposals in its abolition of the GLC and the Metropolitan Counties.

11.00 STRUGGLE—One Person, One Vote. Repeat.

11.30 AROUND MIDNIGHT — Chat show with Janet Street-Porter and Auberon Waugh.

12.15 LIVE FROM LONDON—Carole Carter.

1.10 HIGHWAY PATROL—Phony Insurance, Repeat, b/w.

1.40 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Canon Peter Ball.

## ITV Thames/LWT

6.25 a.m. Good Morning Britain, 8.25 Thames News Headlines, 9.30 For Schools, 12.30 Teetime and Claudia, 12.45 Rainbows, 1.15 News, 1.30 The People's Choice, 1.45 News, 1.50 Sons and Daughters, 2.15 The Young Doctor, 2.30 The Young Doctor, 2.45 Wil Cwac Cwac, 2.55 The Wind in the Willows, 3.00 Play Your Cards Right, 3.30 Brian, 3.45 Wil Cwac Cwac, 3.55 The Wind in the Willows, 4.00 Illusions, 4.15 Blockbusters, 4.30 News, 4.45 Central News, 4.50 Airwolf, 4.55 Play Your Cards Right, 4.58 Wil Cwac Cwac, 5.00 The Wind in the Willows, 5.15 Illusions, 5.30 Blockbusters, 5.45 News, 5.50 Country Waves, 6.00 Airwolf, 6.00 Play Your Cards Right, 6.15 Brian, 6.30 Hallelujah!, 6.45 Wil Cwac Cwac, 6.55 The Wind in the Willows, 7.00 News, 7.15 The Streets of San Francisco, 7.30 The West This Week, 7.45 The Honeymoon—1978 sharpended survival of a crimp in a marriage, Jean-Louis Stefani Sandrelli, 7.55 Weather.

5.45 NEWS.

6.00 THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW—Bright Michael Aspel and team seeking the bright side of London's week.

7.00 AIRWOLF—And They Are Us. Involved in an African political struggle. [Oracle sub-titles].

8.00 BRUCE FORSYTH'S PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT.

## Channel 4

2.30 p.m. Treasure Hunt: Forest of Dean, rpt. 4.30 Countdown, 5. The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie, Rose, rpt. 4.30 Countdown, 5. The Addams Family: Morticia's Romance, part one, b/w, 5.30 The Tube, including Paul Young, Donna Summer, Fleetwood Mac and Lords of the New Church.

7.00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS AND WEATHER.

7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY—Gos-Macdonald with viewers' comments on programmes.

8.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY—With Margaret Vassal-Hatton of the Financial Times.

8.15 A WEEK IN POLITICS—Presented by Peter Jay, on stories within the NUM, and an interview with Arthur Scargill.

9.00 TELL THE TRUTH—Graeme Garden with his game show.

9.30 IN SEARCH OF PARADISE—The Gardens of the Sun King, Louis XIV and Versailles. Repeat.

10.00 NEWHART—Animal Attractions. Stephanie's ex-husband and a stray sheepdog both drop in.

10.30 JUST SEX—Marriage. Discussed by seven men and seven women.

11.15 OPINIONS—Jeffrey Bernard has his turn to defend an alternative to Victorian values. Now 50, having married and had him, he lists drink, horses and women and no regrets.

11.45 12.30 \* "DAYS OF HEAVEN" (1978)—Beautifully photographed mood piece about migrant farm workers in Texas in 1915, which won an Oscar for cinematography, Nestor Almendros. A tragic love story starring Richard Gere, Linda Manz, Brooke Adams and Sam Shepard.

\*\* Outstanding. \* Recommended.

## THEATRES & CINEMAS

### OPERA & BALLET

MATINEE TODAY

ROYAL NATIONAL OPERA

TODAY 7.30 *La Bohème*, Ariane, Tannhäuser, *Die Walküre*, *Der Freischütz*, *Die Zauberflöte*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Die lustige Witwe*.

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